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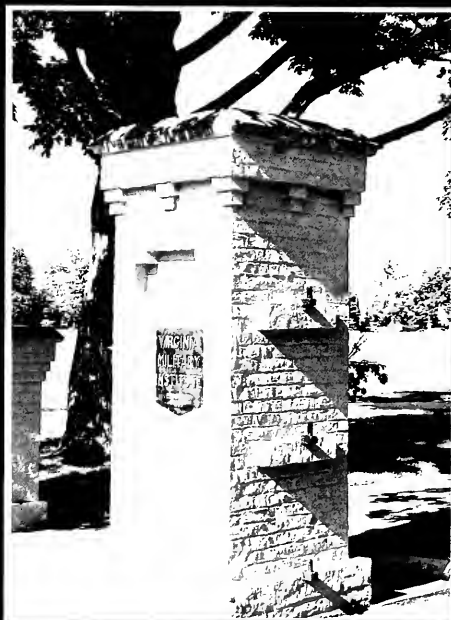
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## A black and white photograph of a statue of a man in a military uniform, standing on a pedestal. The statue is positioned in front of a building with Gothic-style windows. The pedestal has an inscription that reads "WILLIAM HENRY HARRIS" and "1811-1881".

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# Reflecting . . .

## The Beginning

As the Virginia Military Institute approaches its Sesquicentennial celebration, one must remember its beginning. One must remember the transformation from an arsenal of rowdy men to an institution that is indeed proud of her fame and known the world over as the place where the idea of the citizen soldier is still alive today.

The arsenal that was once on the same plot as where barracks now stands was one arsenal of three located in the Shenandoah Valley. The arsenals were built after the War of 1812 to house the large quantities of weapons and ammunition that were left over from the war, as well as protecting the citizens from attacking Indians.

As time progressed, the citizens of Lexington became increasingly disturbed over the behavior of the soldiers who manned the arsenal. At night, the soldiers would become intoxicated and would cause incidents that would cause damage to private property as well as upsetting the population. It was this sort of behavior that led to an idea of having young respectable men replacing the militia at the arsenal. This movement was led by a young lawyer named John Thomas Lewis Preston. These young men would receive an education as well

as performing military duties.

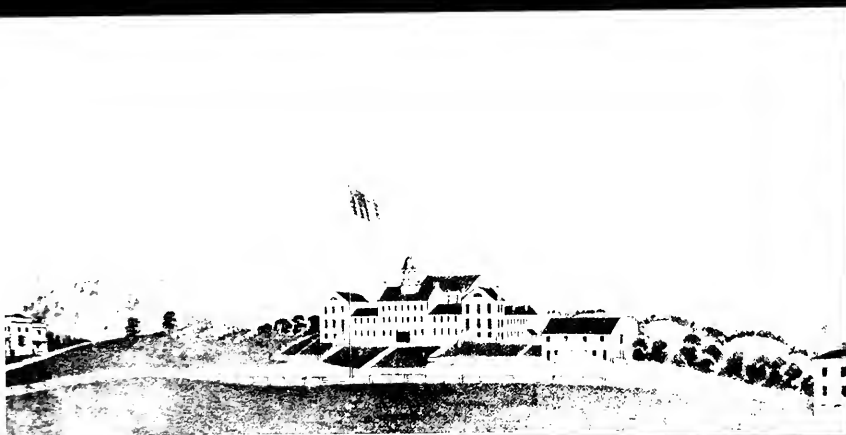
The plan for the transformation was formulated in 1836 where it reached Richmond. There was much debate in the state legislature on whether such an institution should exist. On March 29, 1839, the act authorizing the start of a military school was passed by the General Assembly. It was then Governor David Campbell who appointed five men to the first Board of Visitors with Col. Claudius Crozet as the president of the Board. Preston was appointed to a board to organize how the newly founded school should come about into operation and to give it a name. Preston named the new school, the "Virginia Military Institute".

Preston wrote that this infant institute should have other prominent institutions to be modeled after. The United States Military Academy at West Point and the L'Ecole Polytechnique, from which Col. Crozet was a graduate, were selected as such models. West Point served as the military model, but the mission of VMI would be different than that of the academy. The mission that the founders had in mind was the training of the citizen-soldier, one would be a leader in civilian life but would be capable of leading soldiers if ever called to arms.

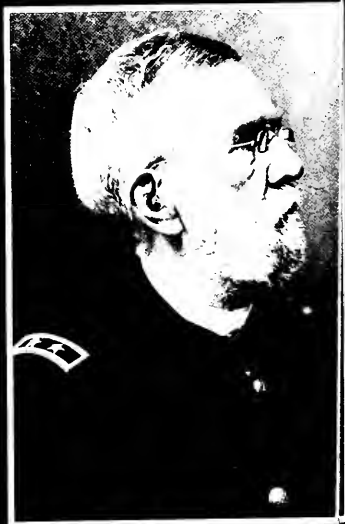
The Board of Visitors were trying to

find a man who would become the commandant and senior instructor. Francis Henney Smith, a professor at Hampton Sydney College, was selected for this job and was made a major in the Virginia Militia. A thoroughly qualified man because he was a distinguished graduate of West Point in 1833 and an officer, it was Smith who implemented the rigid discipline that was needed for future leaders and for good learning. Preston along with Smith were the only two instructors. Between the two, they taught math, chemistry, engineering, tactics, German, English, and German literature.

The first day that the doors of the Institute opened, twenty-three cadets or of seventy applicants, matriculated on November 11, 1839 with the first cadet being John S.L. Logan from Rockbridge County. On that cold and snowy night John B. Strange became the first cadet sentinel to relieve the old militia guard. Three years later, these original cadets would graduate, thus becoming the first of a long line of men who would become leaders in war and peace and making the Virginia Military Institute a place that would become well known for its mission.



Above: A look at the early barracks with the original arsenal in the center.



At Left: Gen. Francis Smith, sometimes called the "Father of VMI".





# Remembering VMI at War..



(top): The remains of barracks after Hunter's raid in 1865. (above): The cannonballs imbedded in the back side of barracks serve as a reminder of the Civil War even today.



(above): The charge of the Corps of Cadets at the Battle of New Market is the only time in history that a school fought in pitched battle as a unit.



Moses Ezekiel, a New Market cadet and famous sculptor, sketched this portrait of "Stonewall" Jackson.



Jackson statue, watching over the parade ground, was sculpted by Moses Ezekiel and serves as a reminder of the Institute's past.

The mid-1800's was a difficult period for the Virginia Military Institute. The Civil War era gave VMI some of its most serious moments, but almost destroyed it at the same time.

Perhaps the most noted figure at VMI was Thomas Jonathan Jackson, better known as "Stonewall" Jackson. He served on the faculty as professor of "natural philosophy", or physics, and instructor in artillery beginning in 1851. His mooriness and eccentric personality made him well-known to cadets. He was also a deeply religious man and was actively involved in the Lexington community.

By the late 1850's, tensions were running high between the North and the South. In 1859, Jackson led a contingent of cadets to maintain order at the execution of John Brown at Harper's Ferry. When the Civil War broke out in 1861, the Corps of Cadets was detailed to Richmond to serve as drill instructors for Confederate recruits under the supervi-

sion of Jackson.

After eight months, the Corps returned to Lexington and continued to supply officers for the Confederacy. Jackson left the Institute to serve his state by commanding his own brigade of Virginians. He fought at the first battle of Manassas where he earned his nickname and later carried on his campaigns up and down the Shenandoah Valley.

There were many VMI men in leadership positions in Jackson's command. Prior to the battle of Chancellorsville in 1863, Jackson quoted the words cast upon his statue: "The Institute will be heard from today." His illustrious career ended when he received a fatal wound from one of his own men. He was taken back to Lexington where a funeral was held and he was buried.

In the spring of 1864, Union General Franz Sigel began a campaign down the Shenandoah Valley. The Confederate commander in the area, Major General John C. Breckenridge, called the Corps of

Cadets into service as a reserve force. After an eighty-mile road march, the Corps arrived in New Market. On May 15, the battle began. A hole developed in the center of the Confederate line and the Corps was sent to fill it.

The cadets' objective was a hilltop with a battery of six guns. The Corps lined up and charged the hill, firing volleys and still maintained proper dress and cover. Although ten cadets were killed and forty-seven were wounded, the Corps managed to seize the hilltop and fill the crucial gap in the line.

A month later, Union forces pushed through defenses and were able to move down the valley. On June 12, Union forces shelled and burned VMI. The Institute was almost completely destroyed.

After the end of the War, VMI managed to reopen in October of 1865. Had it not been for the efforts of those who created the heritage and tradition of VMI, the Institute would not have survived.





The Institute of today is not much different from the Institute of yesteryear. Cadets still pull guard duty, march in parades, and wear uniforms almost identical to those of a hundred years ago.

While the purpose of the original guard teams was to maintain security for the weapons in the old arsenal, today's guard team is mainly administrative in nature. The guard team enforces the regulations of the Institute and maintains order in barracks. However, this task still teaches the same lesson: the need for security in a military environment.

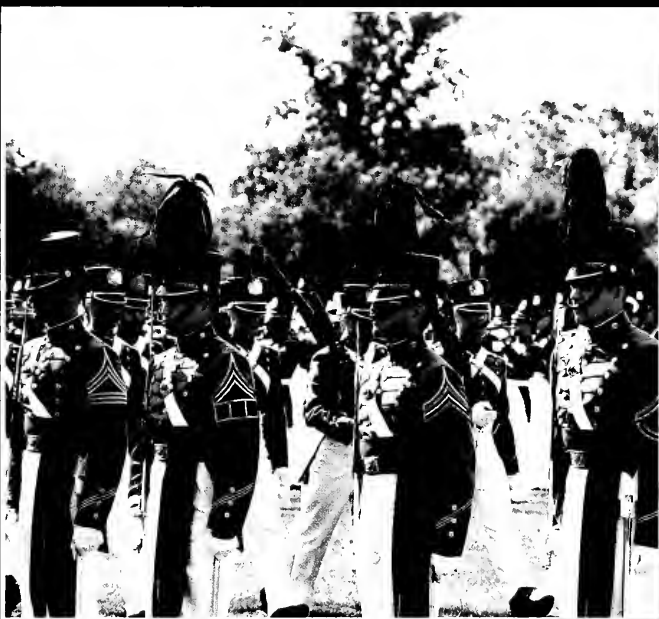
Parades today are more elaborate than those of before. The Corps has a present strength of 1300 men and provides marching music with its own cadet band. Nevertheless, each platoon marches on and passes in review in the same manner as many generations of cadets have before them.

Most important, however, is that the mission of VMI has not changed. The Institute produces honorable men, ready to lead in civilian life and prepared as citizen-soldiers in time of need.



(top): Serving on the color guard is one of the most respected positions in the Corps. (above): A new guard team prepares to take charge of barracks. (right): The new color guard marches in parade for its first time.





(above left): The corps forms up for parade in the same manner as many cadets have before them. (above): First battalion staff posts itself during the pass in review. (left): The cadet battery fires a salute for a distinguished visitor.

## The Institute Today



Top Left: Dan Bowen, the Regimental Drum Major, directs the band during one of the parades and also leads them to their next lay down.

Top Middle: (Standing) John Giltz and Matt St. Clair supervise Jim Stevenson, Ki-Sung Ahn, and Hunter Trumbo during Matriculation.

Top Right: A platoon of cadets from Charlie Company march smartly while they pass in review

Above: One of the first Rat guard teams from Echo Company stand ready for inspection during guard mount.

Right: The cannonball is made up as a soccer ball before one of the soccer games. The cannonball is made into many things before major events





Top: Alumni take to the parade ground to pass in review like they did when they were cadets.

Above: Bomb photographer Tom Shelton is shown here hard at work (or hardly working) taking pictures of the William and Mary football game.

Left: The graves of the cadets who have fallen at the battle of New Market are honored on the anniversary of the battle.

## Aspects

## Reflecting . . . Aspects Of The Institute



David Bland and Glenn Barr work the late night hours as Recorders of the Guard.



Bob Bradford and his girlfriend Tracy Hill enjoy a laugh at the William and Mary football game.

**A**s autumn's leaves change colors, fall, and then reappear in the uniform green of spring, a cadet's social and academic environment also change with the passing seasons.

The opening of school in August requires readjustment from a summer of fun in the sun back to the daily regimentation of Institute life. For some, the summer was four to six weeks of military commitment either in the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marines. The rest of the corps enjoyed their summer by traveling, working, or just becoming house slugs. For the new cadets, eagerness filled their heads about how their cadetship would go the first year.

Despite the adjustment, the First Classmen look forward to Graduation. Second Classmen eagerly anticipate Ring Figure. Third Classmen concentrate on their studies, while the Rats still try to make it day by day. Although academics are heavily emphasized, there are local women's colleges, football games and hop weekends to add fun and relaxation to the cadet's generally frantic lifestyle.

In the fall months, Institute life is highlighted by Parent's Weekend, Ring Figure, and the Corps Trip. During Parent's Weekend, families flock to visit their sons. New cadets are especially grateful for this weekend, because for many, this marks their first chance to see and visit with their parents since their matriculation. Ring Figure, a ceremony during which the Second Classmen receive their class rings, brings the greatest achievement in a cadet's life, next to graduation, into a fun-filled weekend. Finally, the Corps Trip allows the entire corps of cadets to release all their pent up frustrations and cheer on the football team to end the season of enjoyment and begin the period of intense studying in preparation for finals.

After Christmas furlough, cadets dutifully report back to Post and begin the downside of the academic year. Many call this time period the "Dark Ages" for the good reason that there aren't many fun-filled activities that can be enjoyed. However, during the final winter months there is a hop weekend, but mostly the same nose to the grindstone

studying.

Spring allows cadets a week of rest and a chance to migrate to warmer climates during mid-semester furlough. These months leading to May raise the general morale of the corps as all men look forward to the completion of the year. Hop weekend highlight the spring. Also, a new class in the VMI line is generally added as the Rats breakout.

May is a time when a cadet's life comes to a close. First Classmen receive their diplomas and join the ranks of Alumni, while the rest of the corps departs for a summer of rest and relaxation before they return to another year at VMI. It is a month filled with all night studying for final exams and then practicing for the half dozen parades leading to Commencement and New Market Day. Commencement ceremonies and New Market Day pay tribute to the graduating class and the cadets who unselfishly gave their lives at the Battle of New Market. By a means, May brings a fitting finale to the school year.



above: Nat Cross and Lori Rothlisberger brave the rain during the crowning of the Homecoming Queen.

top Right: John Butler and his date take a break from the dance floor during one of the Homecoming events.

bottom Right: Tony Zang and Andy Sewell get ready to go on a weekend with Scott Kealoha.



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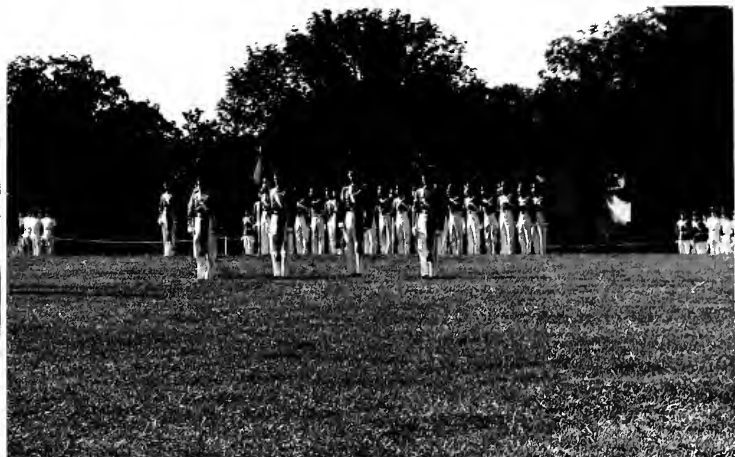
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Stonewall Jackson's statue stands proud as it overlooks parents after a parade.

Joe DiMaggio and General Walker review the corps of cadets during a parade in DiMaggio's honor.







# A Tradition Continues . . .

Never in the history of the Virginia Military Institute, has the corps of cadets distinguished themselves in such a grand manner as the Battle of New Market. A tradition that cadets are fiercely proud of, the Battle of New Market reflects the corps of cadets' ability to act as a unit bonded by a common goal: to be citizen soldiers.

"In the morning of May 11th, 1864, the corps of cadets formed to answer Maj. Gen. John C. Brekinridge's call for assistance. Two hundred forty one cadets marched eighty miles in four days and early on Sunday morning, May 15th, reached a site near which the battle would be fought later day . . . The cadet battalion was posted in the confederate reserve, or second line, but later found itself in front center, the thick of the battle. Scarcity of regular troops made even those 241 boys essential, and they played a vital part. First they were the rallying point for confederate regiments, some of whose troops

were on the verge of breaking in the midst of the initial union advance."

"The VMI Story" by Henry A. Wise

"The cadets rose with a cheer and surged forward into the federal shot and shell. Topping a slight rise in the ground that had shielded them, the yelling boys ran towards the Bushong house, one after another of them going down under the federal fire. One youngster clawed at the grass in his death agony. Another ripped the shirt from his chest to show his mortal wound to the sky as he toppled backward into the mud. Their commander, Lt. Col. Scott Shipp, reported with justifiable pride: the alignment of the battalion under this terrible fire, which had strewn the ground with killed and wounded for more than a mile of open ground, would have been credible even on a field day." "The Shenandoah in flames" By Thomas A. Lewis

"The average age being 18 years old. The cadets courageous charge up that hill in New Market left sol-

diers on both sides of the battle field incredulous at the awe inspiring spirit of those cadets. War is not sublime, but the sense of duty, reliability, fortitude, and elan of the cadets in the New Market campaign was the supreme test of Institute training and convincing proof of its effectiveness." (Drawing out the Man) The VMI Story by Henry A. Wise.

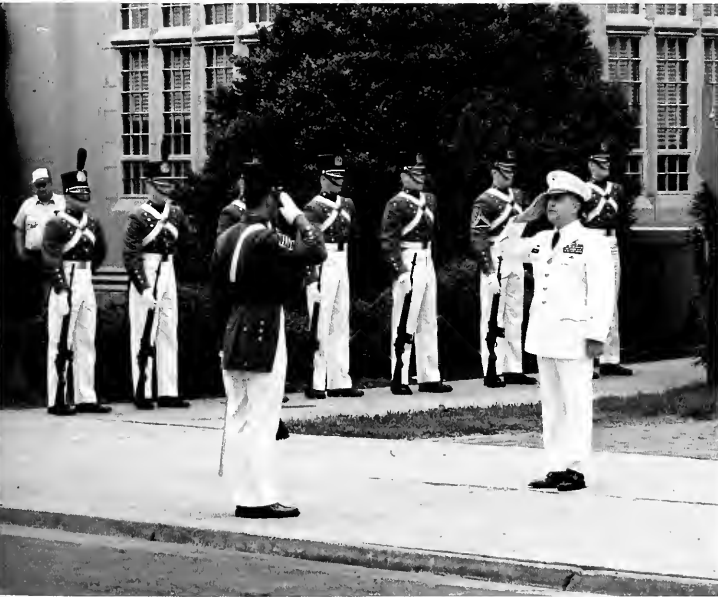
The tradition of May 15, 1864 continues today as the corps of cadets annually pay honor to the ten cadets who died at New Market and to the corps that fought with them. All cadets are instilled with a deep respect for those men who risked their life and limb for the Institute and they solemnly commemorate their sacrifice during the New Market ceremonies. The fact that VMI became the only college in United States history to fight in a decisive battle as a corps, can only add to the pride of a cadet when he participates in a tradition that continues.



The color guard renders a salute as they pass by the graves of the cadets who perished at New Market.



Wreaths are placed on those graves of the six cadets out of the ten who perished at New Market.



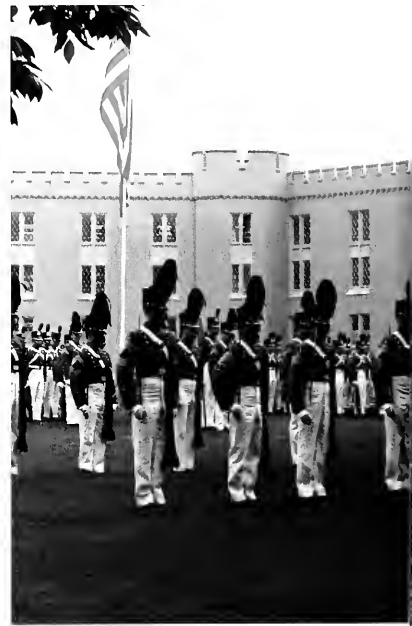
The Regiments Commander gives the roll call of the names of the cadets who died on the field of honor to the Commandant.



A wreath is placed on the Virginia Mourning Her Dead monument.



The Corps presents arms at the New Market Parade.



The cadet First Captain renders a salute to the Commandant.



Band Company passes in review in front of the New Market Cadets.



The Regimental Staff passes in front of the Virginia Mourning Her Dead statue.

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## Class of 1988

# Graduation

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(above) Graduating firsts await the pass in review in their honor. (right) The Commandant passes down the institute flag to the Class of 1989. (below right) Neal Culiner receives his coveted diploma.



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After four long years at VMI, the most anticipated day of all arrives — Graduation!

One of the most memorable activities during graduation is the graduation parade. The rising first class will assume the leadership of the Corps while the graduating class breaks ranks to receive a pass-in-review in its honor. Following the parade, the Corps forms in the old courtyard to shout a few old yells and is showered with the year's status slips and shredded special reports. A commissioning ceremony is normally held the next morning, where each graduate becomes either a second lieutenant or ensign in the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps. The climax of graduation occurs at commencement, where each graduate receives his coveted sheepskin, or diploma. Following this ceremony, the graduating class is relieved of its duties and the rest of the Corps is released for summer furlough.

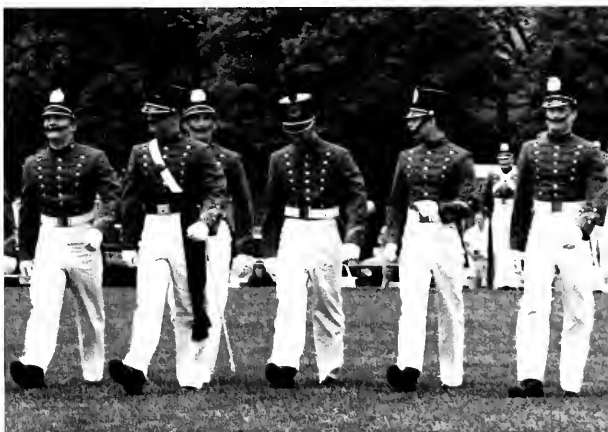
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(left)The Class of 1988 forms up outside Cameron Hall prior to the commencement ceremony. (below)The graduating class posts during its final parade. (below left)The traditional old yells are held in the old courtyard following the graduation parade.



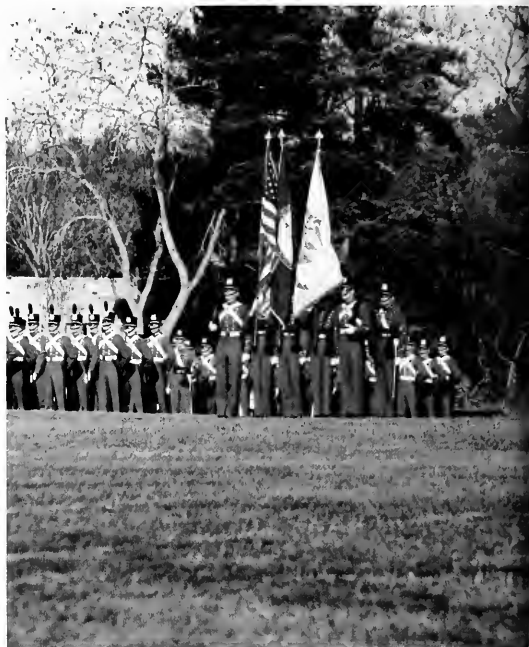
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# Founder's Day

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On 11 November 1988, VMI celebrated the 149th anniversary of its founding. All classes were cancelled so that the Corps could participate in the traditional Founder's Day parade commemorating the day that Cadet John B. Strange relieved the sentinel of the old arsenal and began a heritage that lives on today.

Following the parade, the Corps attended a convocation ceremony in Cameron Hall. Several distinguished guests addressed the audience on the importance of VMI's mission in today's world. It was an opportunity to look back and see where the Institute has been, where it is at, and where it is going.



(top)The Color Guard remains at attention while the rest of the Corps is at parade rest at the Founder's Day parade.  
(above)The Regimental Staff and Second Battalion Staff are posted at the Founder's Day parade.



9)The Commandant and members of his staff render honors during the traditional gun salute. (above)General Walker addresses the audience and the Corps at the Founder's Day convocation.



The many people in the crowd in and about the Corps section at the Oyster Bowl made for a very interesting game and off the field.



## Corps Trip

Immediately following the Founder's Day activities on 11 November, the vast majority of the Corps departed for Norfolk on a free day and a weekend. The purpose of this Corps Trip was to allow all men to attend the VMI vs. Citadel football game as part of Norfolk's annual Oyster Bowl.

Many cadets stayed at hotels in the Norfolk area or at homes of other cadets who lived nearby, enjoying the freedom of life away from the "I". In spite of the support given by the Corps, the team suffered a disappointing loss to the Citadel. Nevertheless, the "never say die" attitude prevailed and the Corps left Norfolk holding its head up high.

What is wrong with this picture? The Citadel drum major marches on to the field in Norfolk. (right) Everyone wants to be in pictures. (above) Mark Stock once again gets the football team of a fine mess.



# Parent's Weekend

One of the biggest weekends during the year at VMI is Parent's Weekend. It is one of the few times that a cadet's parents can catch a glimpse of what life at the Institute is really like.

The weekend begins on Friday afternoon when most parents arrive. The entire Corps is granted RQ until taps while in the presence of relatives, and most cadets dine with their parents at one of the many restaurants in the Rockbridge County area. Cadets may also visit with relatives in their hotel rooms, even though much of this time is usually spent sleeping in a comfortable hotel bed. For rats, this is a very special event because it is the first time that most have seen their parents since matriculation.

On Saturday morning, parents are permitted to attend classes with



their sons and see what academics at VMI are like. There is also the annual Parent's Weekend parade where all cadets try to look their best for mom and dad.

Following parade, most cadets tag along on the parade deck with their parents and then attend the football game. This year's game was especially memorable due to the Keydets' first victory of the season over Wake Forest College.

On Sunday morning, civilians are allowed into barracks and get a firsthand look at the way cadets live. This is one of the only two times each year where barracks is open to everyone, and it is also probably cleaner than at any other time. The weekend comes to a quick halt Sunday afternoon as most parents depart on the long trip home, and cadets once again fall back into their routine of life at VMI.

(top) A new tradition begun this Parent's Weekend was allowing fathers to march down to the football game with their sons. (above) Fox trot company marches out to parade.



(top)The Corps passes in review for the Parent's Weekend parade. (above left)Greg Ridick crosses the parade deck with his family following parade. (above, left)Parents are always trying to catch a glimpse of their sons in the parade.

(right) Third Classmen enjoy the formal hop on Friday night. (below) Ryan Foster escorts the Golf Company representative. (below right) Mrs. Harbach sings the National Anthem.



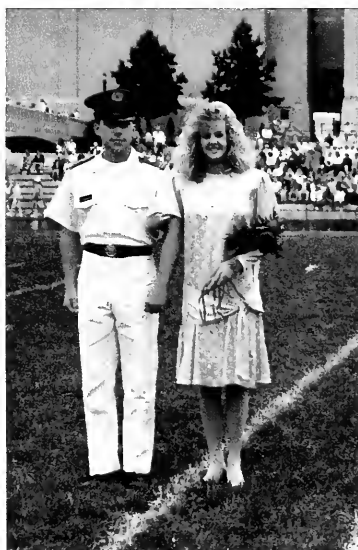


# Homecoming 1988

Homecoming was the first big weekend of the academic year. After a month of getting back into the swing of life at VMI for the old corps and a period of major lifestyle adjustment for the rats, it came as a much needed break.

The weekend began with the Formal Hop on Friday night. On Saturday morning, there was a parade in honor of the returning alumni, and in the afternoon was the football game where the 1988 Homecoming Queen was crowned. Mrs. Harbach impressed the Corps with her talent by singing the National Anthem. The Saturday night Informal Hop was enjoyed by all who attended. Soon the weekend came to end, much too short as most VMI weekends seem to be.

(left) The 1988 Homecoming Queen is crowned by the CPB. (below left) VMI celebrates homecoming with still another parade! (below) Rob Butler escorts the Band Company representative.



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# Homecoming Court

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This year's Homecoming queen was Ms. Mary Allison from Roswell, Georgia, who attends Southern Seminary College and represents Bravo Company. She was escorted by First Classman Mark Stock.



The Band Company representative was Ms. Marcella Thurman, a student at the University of Virginia from Roanoke. She was escorted by Second Classman Robert Butler.



Ms. Gina Burkeen, from Manchester High School in Richmond, was the Alpha Company representative. She was escorted by Third Classman Todd Early.



The Charlie Company representative was Ms. Emily Annas from Virginia Beach. She was escorted by First Classman Randy Williamson.





representing Delta Company was  
Miss Amy Church from Springfield  
who attends Longwood College.  
She was escorted by First Classman  
Matthew Folsom.



Miss Renee Lamoureux from Virgin-  
ia Beach was the Echo Company rep-  
resentative. She attends Northern  
Virginia Community College and  
was escorted by First Classman  
Mark Whisenant.



Miss Karen Emener from Tampa,  
Florida, was the Foxtrot Company  
representative. A student at Florida  
State University, she was escorted  
by Second Classman Cal Lloyd.



Miss Lisa Bragg, a student at Grien-  
er Academy, was the Golf Com-  
pany representative. She was escort-  
ed by Second Classman Ryan Foster.



Ms. Clancy Collins of Beverly Hills,  
California, and a student at Stanford  
University was the Hotel Company  
representative. She was escorted by  
Third Classman Scott Smith.



India Company was represented by  
Ms. Lori Rothlisberger, a student at  
Radford University from Vienna,  
Virginia. She was escorted by First  
Classman Nat Cross.

*Give an Old Yell . . .*

# Alumni Weekends

Alumni weekends take place at VMI twice a year. Once in the fall for five-year reunions and once in the springtime for ten-year reunions, these weekends allow former cadets to get together and see their brother rats. It is also a chance for current cadets to hear about life in the "Old Corps."

VMI benefits greatly from alumni weekends, as each class tries to out do each other in raising funds to give to their alma mater. Without such a great amount of support from its alumni, it is unlikely that the Institute could produce the same calibre of educated and honorable men.



(top)The Class of 1948-A marches across the parade deck during the spring weekend. (above)The Class of 1933 passes in review during the fall weekend.



A group of alumni from the Class of 1968 take over the sentinel box to give an Old Yell for their class.



For merry men drive down the review line. Little do they know that they're turving up the grass. Jeeps driving down the review line has been a typical sight during Alumni Weekends.



Everyone loves a parade and these two distinguished alumni discuss fond memories of yesteryear as they wait for the corps to march out on the parade ground.



(left) Gray Riddick, Steve Knieling, and Paul Tallat-Kelpsa are anxious to show off their shiny new "rocks."  
 (below) The Class of 1990 attends the ring presentation ceremony in a sun-drenched J.M. Hall.  
 (bottom) Col. Harbach addresses the Second Class as the guest speaker.

On 18 November 1988, the Class of 1990 followed in one of the most treasured experiences of the VMI man — Ring Figure! The ring not only symbolizes the unity of the class, but ties all VMI men together. That coveted band of gold around the finger has no beginning, and no end.

The Second Class and its invited guests filled J.M. Hall, and were addressed by Col. Caudill, the chaplain to the Corps, Gen. Walker, the superintendent, and by Col. Harbach, the honored speaker, who spoke about the meaning of the ring. After the speeches, each member of the class was called to the stage to receive his ring from Gen. Walker. The long awaited moment finally came after two and half years of sweat and tears.

Later in the evening, the traditional Ring Figure ball was held in Cocke Hall, where each second classman escorted his date through the huge model of the ring. The class formed in the figure of the number 90 as the many classes before it had formed their class's number. The hop followed the figure.



*Entering the Brotherhood . . .*

# Ring Figure 1990



(left) The ring was painted by the cannonball committee the night before Ring Day.

(right) Jim Mavor, Pablo Martinez, and Ken Markwalter are in awe trying on their new rings.

(left) The Class of 1990's honorary brother rat, Capt. Trower, is congratulated by Col. Harbach upon receiving his ring.

(right) Matt Schwarzmann escorts his date through the ring.

# Matriculation 1988

## The Start of a New Class

The first experience a VMI man encounters as he goes through his cadetship is Matriculation. Any man who called the Institute home for four years can fondly remember those first days. The constant yelling and a crash course of becoming a cadet take their toll. Many have tried and failed, but those who do make it feel that they have made a challenging accomplishment.

The Class of 1992 started its cadetship on Tuesday, August 16, 1988. The first day, the incoming cadets said good-bye to their family and friends and were escorted down the runway to a new beginning. The Officer of the Guard Association and the S-5 staff led them through in



order to test the incoming cadets on psychological profiles, math, and language knowledge for placement. They ate meals in civilian clothes, became familiar with the Institute, and began to make new friends in a new environment.

On Wednesday, events took a turn for the worse for the matriculants. They gathered in the new courtyard in their respective company areas and awaited the arrival of a highly trained cadre of cadets. Many joked and talked among themselves as the cadre marched into the courtyard. Cadet Randy Wood gave them a speech to introduce them to their cadre. That marked the end of the fun and games that went on previously and warned them that things will definitely get worse. After Cadet Wood's speech, the matriculants were Rats, the lowest of God's creatures and were placed in the "tender care" of their cadre.

Later that day, the Rats met the RDC and many expressed fear of what will happen next. Each Rat got to meet the RDC personally when they got their Rat Bibles. By now, the Rats were terrified and knew that the journey here will be a tough one.

This rat appears to be without a hat, thus runs around screaming that he lacks one. The first several weeks, the Rats dressed "Idiot dyke" shown here.



The Rat signs his name in his newly issued Rat Bible, which was presented to him in the racketball courts.

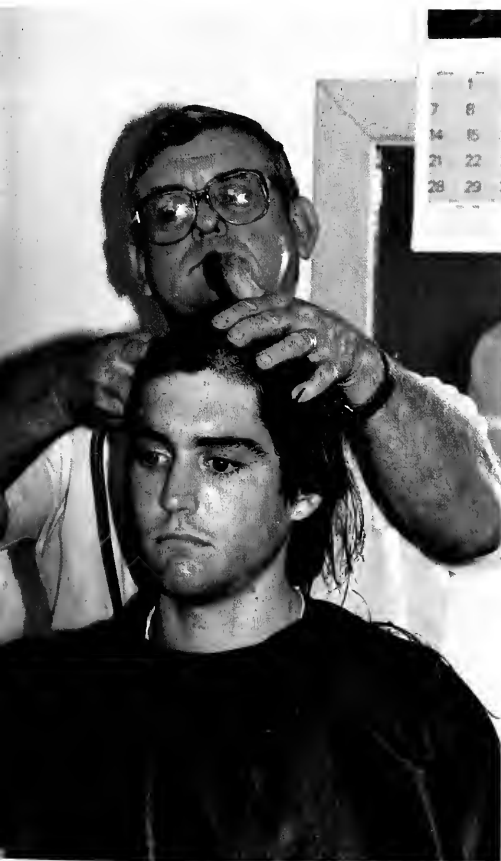
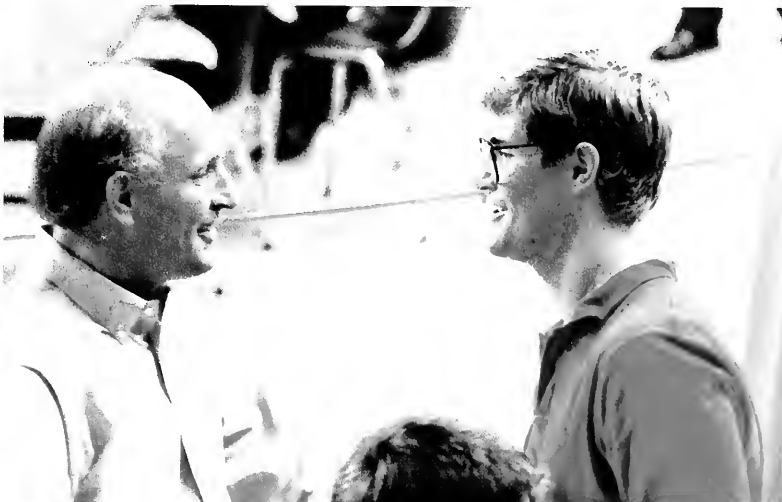






While Tony Lake presents a Rat Bible to a new Rat, Sullivan makes sure that the Rat makes no wrong moves.

Jeff Guill says farewell to his father as he starts his journey at VMI.



At Left: Tim Roderiguez is not having a good day by having his head groomed.

Above: Randy Wood delivers his briefing to the Rats about their cadre while Dwayne Miller, John Giltz, and Ian Dolan stand behind him and glare down at the Rats.

## Cadets Just Trying To Be . . .

# Social

Cadets do almost anything to get off post. Weekends, hops, mixers, or Zollman's provide cadets the opportunity to enjoy themselves from the living hell of institute life.

Weekends provide the best form of escape from post. Cadets usually travel to places such as Baldwin, JMU, Hollins, William & Mary, or Richmond, to name a few, provide a place where one can relax. Even though a weekend, in VMI terms, lasts only about 35 hours, cadets manage to find a way to have a good time wherever they go.

Hops are another form of a get-away. Beautiful females from places near and far flock in droves to visit either their boyfriends or, in some cases, come as blind dates. These girls see how wild cadets can become when they aren't on post and not in the public's eye.

Mixers are enjoyed immensely by those few who are able to go. These few arrive at the mixers in the hopes that they'll meet some female, who'll invite him up to their room. A lot of good music and good times are had by all. If a cadet is lucky to hook up

with a girl, he might get a return invitation from that female or be visited by her on post.

Zollman's, VMI's own frat shack, is the center of attraction from miles around. Girls from all over the place come to experience the thrill and excitement that is Zollman's. The music, the fun, the atmosphere, and the firewater make Zollman's an enjoyable time.



Top Right: Chris Wyatt Chows down some pretzels on a warm day at Goshen.

Bottom Right: John Aydlette and his date take a break in the date lounge during a hop.

Bottom: Cowpokes Chris Bond and Tate Jackson saddle up with their twelve pack hats and try to rope a few girls.





At Left: Tracy West doesn't seem to be in bad shape with two girls under his arms while Dusty Barnett, Scott Spellmeyer, and Richard Coupland battle for just one girl in the back.



Andy Schaff is all dressed up and even is prepared to party with some vodka. Unfortunately, he has nowhere to go.

# The Year In Hops

Hops at VMI are something special. They are a time to escape from the regular routine, and even enjoy the company of a lady. There are six hops during the year: Homecoming, Opening, Ring Figure, Mid-Winter, Easter, and Finals. Cadets will go to extreme lengths to get dates to the hops. Some will find rides or make flight reservations to get their dates to VMI. For many, the weekend will be worth flying girlfriends in from distant points of the country. Hops begin with the Friday night formal ball, and continue through Saturday night with the informal dance. Since cadets only need to spend two hours at the hop many head to the hotel parties which take place after the dance.

(Right) Cadets never tire of showing off their ladies during the hop. (Below right) These two cadets give the hop a "thumbs-up". (Below) T.J. Williams and his date strut their stuff during Homecoming Hops.





These rats enjoy the company of their dates in the date lounge in Cocke Hall.



(Above) This cadet and his date take a break from the action on the dance floor. (Below) These are able to take time off from the rat line and enjoy the company of their dates.



(Far below) Captain Trower shows off his taste in formal wear while socializing during the formal Homcoming Hop. (Below) This lucky cadet obviously has not seen his date for quite some time.



## The Archies

Lock your windows, stay away from the arches, and don't answer any green slips because, they're here!!

**Y**ou see them hanging outside of Jackson Arch, the library, or Lejeune Hall. Girls who come here for no other purpose except to attack cadets like vultures to carrion. Girls who make you wonder if they have something else to do. You know who I'm talking about. Those girls that are known as Archies.

Archies visit our fair institute from such places as Sem, Mary Baldwin, Hollins, Sweet Briar, W & L, and sometimes (if you're lucky) high schoolers from the Rockbridge area. They apparently come here to meet lonely cadets and hopefully find a real man unlike the Minks next door.

At night, cadets usually pass by the guard room to check out what kind of archies are hanging out. The lucky guys in the guard room welcome them as they enter and talk for a bit as she waits her fellow. After she leaves, the guard team rates her on the infamous "Cheese Chart" which is based on looks and personality. They usually separate into three categories: the good, the bad, and the fugly.

The good archies are the type of archies that are preferred over the other two archies. They are great-looking, have nice personalities, but most of all, respect the privacy of the cadet. The good archie is more secure than the other two for she won't smother the cadet for attention. She won't bug him to see or call her every night nor will she get angry if he goes somewhere without telling

her. These girls don't hang around barracks too much but rather come here once in a while to see her cadet friend.

The bad archies are the type of girls that hang outside of barracks more frequently than the good archies. These girls range between good-looking to average however these types are pain the neck. It's the good-looks that draw a cadet's attention to her but nothing else. Although they don't send a lot of green slips, they tend to dominate the free spirit of a cadet. She'll tell him that he can't go out with his friend without bringing her. She'll hate his friends and gets jealous very easily.

The fugly are the ones that are usually picked up by cadets when they're drunk. With lines such as "I'm so drunk!!", these girls try to capture the attention of a young mind of an innocent boy. After he initially meets her she tries to make her moves on him.

The day after the initial meeting, he remembers nothing, however she does.

A weeknight social function will bring out stories the next morning, but he doesn't remember what went on, until he get a message from her to meet her at the arch. He agrees to meet her in order to try to spark something in his memory. When he sees her, he says to himself, "I went out with that!! God, I must have been obliterated!!" That's not as bad as he were on a weekend. He's drunk when he wakes up and sees her. She escapes, like all good VMI men can do easily. If the archie likes the guy, it spells doom for him. She'll annoy him all means at her disposal and he's doing everything in his power to get rid of her. Usually he does get rid of her, but sometimes he doesn't.

All in all, archies aren't bad at all. It's nice knowing that girls do take time to visit lonely cadets to make their day hard work and little reward easier to contend with.

A very familiar sight around post, especially around the arches. These girls make you wonder if they have something else to do.







oy, I'm glad I got that rat to stall those girls!!", exclaims a relieved cadet, frequently visited by archies.



No matter what time of day or night, you'll see an archie somewhere. We catch this one waiting alone for a cadet during one of the hops.



s girl looks to barracks wondering whether or not that her long loved boyfriend will come down as soon as he can to see her. Will he do it? If she's a good nie, he's breaking all land speed records to get down there. If she's a bad one, well let's talk about a snail's pace.

Goshen is approximately 15 miles north-west of VMI. It offers the beautiful scenery that is so common to the Shenandoah Valley. Goshen is surrounded by mountains and formed by the Maury River. When the sun is out and the temperature is high enough, Goshen is a popular place for both cadets and locals. It is especially popular for cadets that do not have any weekends left. There are many spots where people may swim, have a picnic, play Frisbee, lie out in the sun, go tubing, or do a little fishing. It is also one of the few places around here where cadets may catch a glimpse of a lady in a bathing suit. The most favorite thing for cadets to do, however, is to just sit around and enjoy their beers.



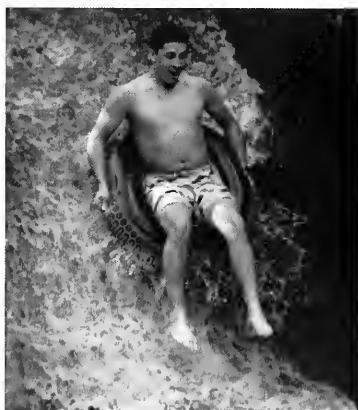
Goshen has plenty of spaces where cadets may enjoy their favorite sport. Here cadets are playing hacky-sack while enjoying their beers.

(Center) Kevin Boyum and Brian Duffy are just a few of the many cadets that enjoy the relaxing atmosphere found at Goshen. (Right) Goshen has many rocks where cadets may work on their tan as Dwayne Miller and Kevin Boyum are. (Below) Hunter Shirey, like many cadets, likes to spend his time at Goshen with his date and his favorite beverage.





Banigan enjoys the Panther Fall atmosphere with his date and his little furry al.



Panther Falls is located approximately ten miles south-east of VMI. It is an area of natural rock formations which create a waterfall and pool. Like Goshen, Panther Falls is popular among both cadets and locals during the warm months. Although a little off the beaten track, Panther Falls is more than worth it. Panther Falls offers cadets a place to relax, bring a date, go swimming, or jump off the rocks into the water, which is more than deep enough. Also, if they are brave enough, cadets may try to go tubing down the waterfall. Although located deep in the woods, there are even places where you can get a sun tan. As always cadets will be there relaxing with their favorite beverage.

(Left) Tom infantino, a regular at Panther Falls, proves his mettle by tubing down the water fall. (Below left) This time, showing his high-diving skill, Tom Infantino leaps off the Big Rock. (Below) John Banigan relaxes by the water fall while enjoying a can of beer.





(top) Ed Swanson and Tim Bosetti rediscover the ancient art of fencing.  
 (top left) Paul Tallat-Kelpsa takes Gray Riddick hostage.  
 (above) Bob Cunningham wants everyone to think he is studying while actually reading a magazine.  
 (above right) These seconds have nothing better to do than pose with a rat on second stoop.  
 (right) Paul Tallat-Kelpsa carries Steve Knieling over the threshold.



# Us, Study?

This page is dedicated to every cadet's favorite activity — wasting valuable study time to do something unproductive. While some fortunate cadets who are able to leave post frequently, others are left to the monotony of institute life. Although this practice can be hazardous to one's GPA, it is one of the few ways that cadets can blow off steam within the walls of the barracks.

(top right) Brian McCarthy takes in some of VMI's most valuable commodity — sleep.  
(bottom left) Steve Knieling and Matt Schwarzmann, hard at work? (right) Chip McCarthy toots his own horn.  
(bottom right) Rob Reass secretly plays a video game.



## Weekends

One of the thoughts that keep cadets going during the week is that of the coming weekend. If he is lucky enough not to be on confinement and he has somehow earned a weekend furlough then he may take a weekend.

Taking a weekend gives the chance for one to wear civilian clothes and enjoy life outside the walls of the Institute.

On weekends most cadets travel to other area colleges and partake in their various social functions. Among the colleges that cadets visit are: Radford University, Mary Baldwin College, Sweet Briar College, and the University of Virginia. Every now and then cadets check out the Lexington night life, especially the Washington and Lee frat parties. Some of them are lucky enough to go home on weekends and just relax from the pressures of life.



Jeff Saunty and friend rush off to catch their ride as the leave post for thirty-six hours



Dave Amsden and Bob Bradford sign out after a Saturday football game to run off to some far away destination





Schaff and Rich Treanor wearing their casual clothes relax with their beautiful dates at Lloyd's of Lexington.

## Cadets Uptown

When Cadets are not on confinement and have not taken a weekend there is only one thing for them to do, go up town. Lexington, while not an entertainment mecca, offers an adequate selection of places for cadets to visit. Spankys, The Subway, and The Palms are places to go get something to eat, drink or bring a date. There is also a movie theater uptown where cadets can see the latest releases and enjoy some real popcorn. For those cadets who enjoy playing video games, there is Lloyd's of Lexington. Lloyd's has a wide assortment of video games and good menu. Lloyd's is also open twenty-four hours a day. So when everything else is closed and you still have a couple of hours of GP left head to Lloyd's.



is a sight that cadets often see while ordering food at McDonald's as they are departing on their weekends of Running the Block.



These third classmen, Tim Pennington, Bruce Solleau, Chris Daniels, and Artie Cajigal take timeout from the exciting Lexington night life.

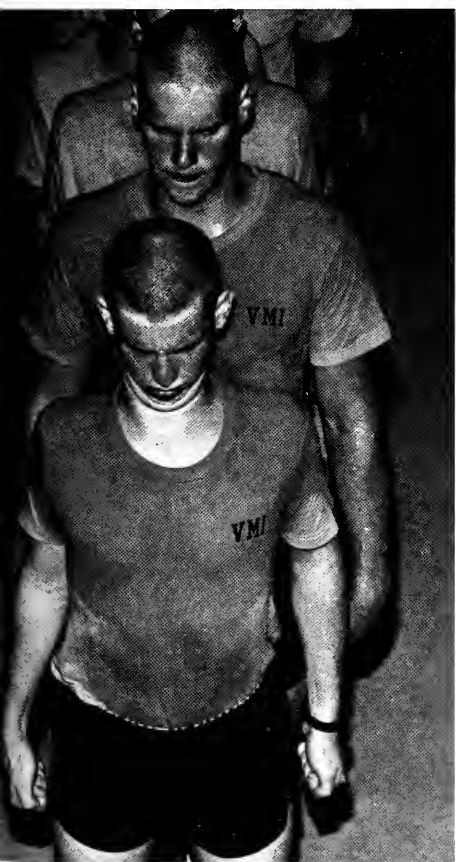
*You think you have it bad?*

# A Day in the Life of a Rat

Almost all fine colleges and universities have special activities for their freshmen, and VMI is no exception. Most schools have orientations to familiarize their new students to campus life that lasts a day or two, but at VMI, this program is a week-long odyssey known as cadre. Instead of the normal fun and games, however, VMI has a unique way of getting classmates to get know each other; cadre will give new cadets one of the greatest mental and physical challenges of their lives.

This indoctrination to VMI does not end right away, but lasts throughout most of the year. Instead of "rushing" as to get into a fraternity, new cadets must bond together and form their own sense of brotherhood. When they have met the challenges put forth by the upperclasses, the new cadets are recognized as a class and are welcomed into the fraternity of all VMI men.





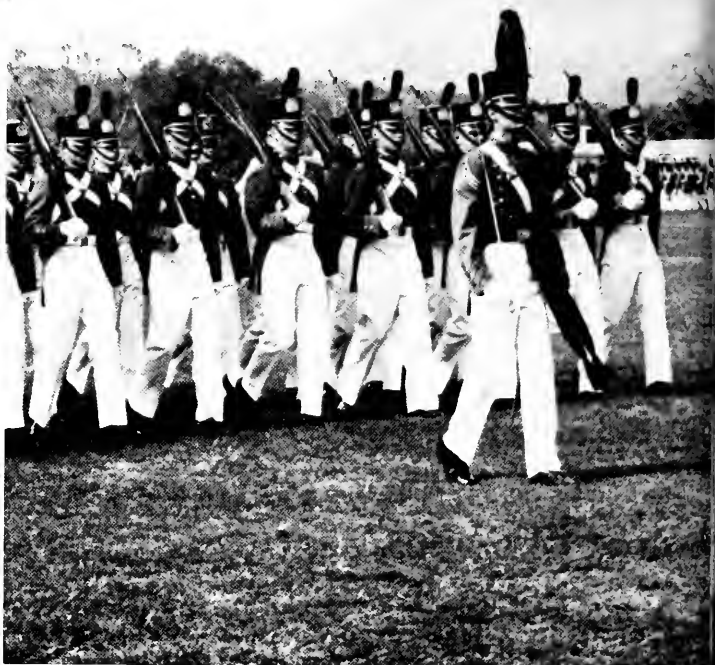
(top) A popular freshman orientation activity—a stoop run! (above) Wayward rats are disciplined by the RDC. (left) A new position learned by new cadets is the strain. (mid-left) The first rat sentinel receives more than his share of attention. (far left) The stress of getting dressed is displayed by these new cadets. (above left) Upperclassmen can enjoy a sweat party, too!

The many aspects of cadet life at VMI. Left: Joe Cefalu leads his platoon during one of the many parades. Below Left: Joe Grealish and Doug Wishart make their checks as they perform guard duty.

Cadet life is not as easy as what other students at other colleges because all his time is spent doing things other than studying or experiencing the pleasures of attending a "normal college".

A cadet does many things while he is here. He is a member of the guard, marches in countless parades, attends pep rallies, athletic events, participates in intramurals, while on top of that, he must find time to study for his classes.

If a cadet does manage to have some free time, you usually find them sleeping, doing homework, running, or going uptown to take care of some business. If by some odd reason he breaks the rules of the institute, he is placed on confinement never to leave post until he has repented for his sins.





At left: This is what every cadet hates to do, go on guard. For 24 hours, a young and energetic man is stuck to sit or march around protecting the institute. Below: What every cadet wants to do, but doesn't do it a lot, RACK!! Below left: The corps roots the loudest at a basketball when our valent team played Virginia Tech.



## Cadet Life

# Academic Classes

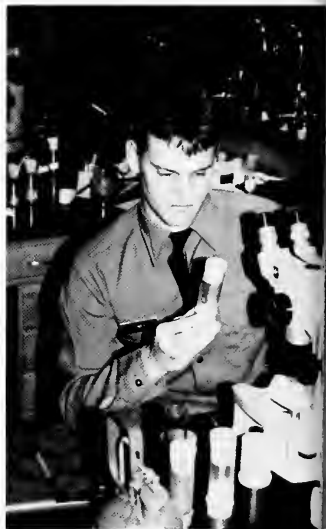
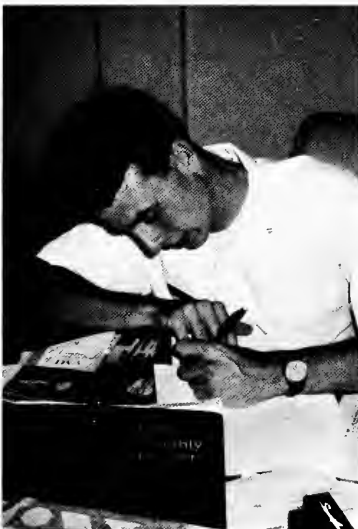
## Meeting a challenge

Strong academics are a cornerstone of VMI. Although primarily considered as an engineering school, it has also developed an excellent and rapidly expanding liberal arts department.

Academics at VMI have some very unique aspects such as all classes have mandatory attendance, and classes are held on Saturdays. It is also one of the few, if not the only school left in the country that has mandatory ROTC classes and commissioning.

Even though the VMI curriculum has classes covering all areas of education installed into each major, you can usually tell what major someone is by where his classes are usually held. For example Liberal Artists can usually be found in Scott Shipp Hall, and Engineers can usually be found in Nichols Engineering Building, etc.

The most impressive aspect of VMI academics must be the relation between classes and the Honor Code. A Cadet and his teacher are secure in the knowledge that no one will produce work that is not his own. And since it is taken for granted that a Cadet will not cheat, he may choose when to take his exams at any time during the exam week. This ability to schedule one's own exams is a much cherished privilege by cadets as it is a mark of our honor.

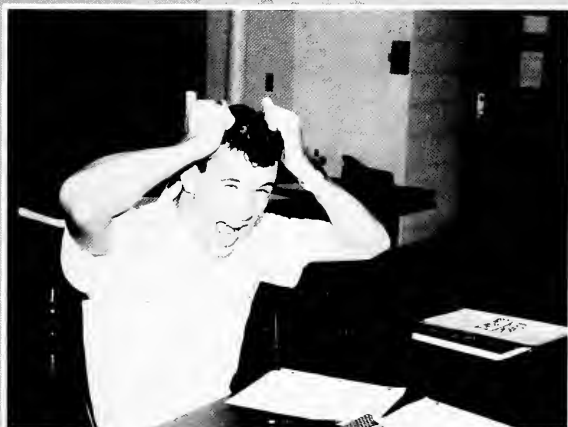
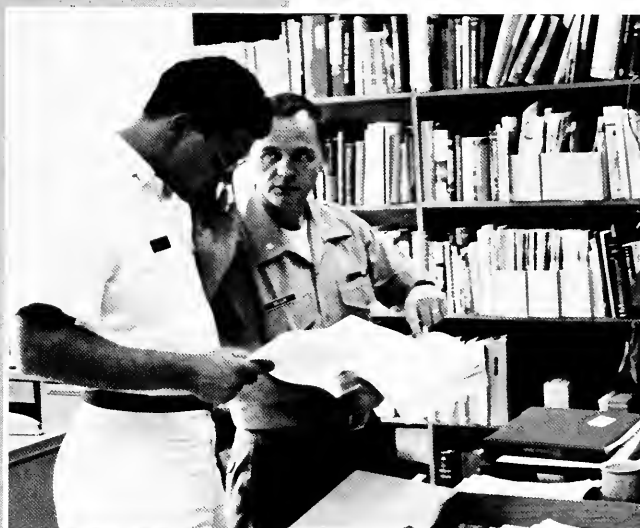


Cadets with a 3.5 GPA prepare to receive Academic stars during a review parade (Top R.) Brian Albrow in his room (Right) and Rufus Owen in lab (Far Right) hard at work.





Cadet Tallat-Kelpsa receives help from his instructor(Left) Major Meade of the Civil Engineering Department gives some assistance to one of his students(Below) Homework takes its toll(Bottom Left)



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# Going On Guard

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## Protecting the Institute

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Since John B. Strange first took post on November 11, 1839, Cadets have dreaded going on guard. The assumption of guard duties by a Company rotates every twenty four hours with each Company taking the responsibility of guard once every nine days on the average.

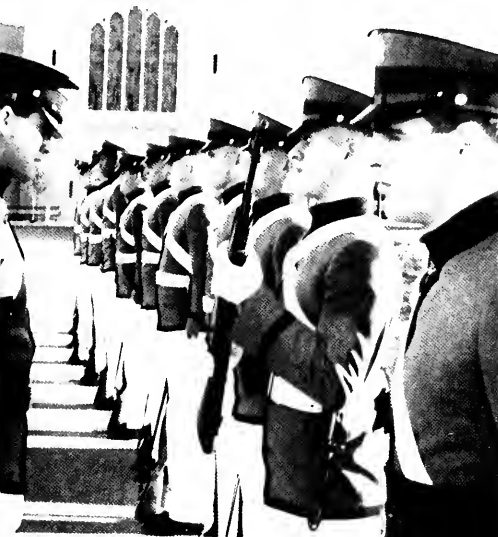
The first step in changing the guard occurs at 5:15 p.m. with the guard mount, both informal on Saturday through Thursday and formal on Fridays. Guard mounts consist of a close inspection and the certification of the Officer of the Day, who is the Cadet in charge of the guard team, and is the one member out of the twenty seven on the guard team who is certified to "bone" cadets.

The other twenty-six members of the guard consist of the Officer of the Guard, who is O.d.'s right hand man; the Sergeant of the Guard, who is in charge of the sentinels; the Corporals of the Guard, who are in charge of the relief sentinels and are in charge of the flag details and night duties; the Recorders, whose job it is to type in all of the bones from the guard team; the Orderlies, who answer phones, run messages, and run errands for the Commandant; the supernumeraries, who assist the orderlies, and finally the sentinels, who guard barracks and enforce the regulations of the institute.

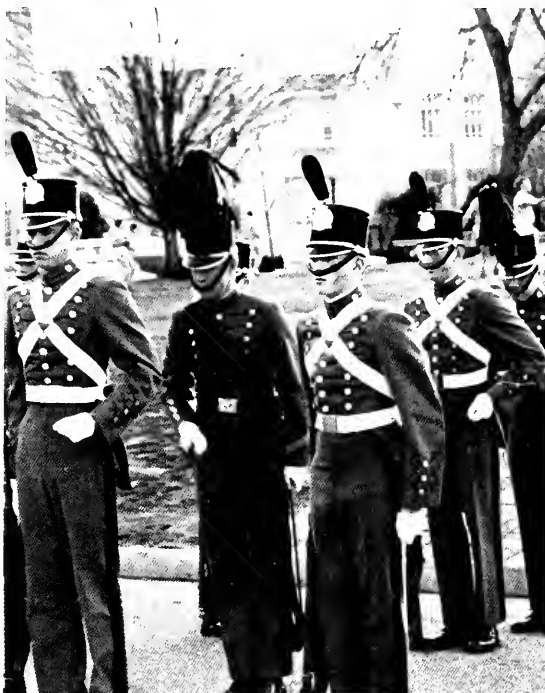
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Top right; Matt Gaddis acts as Officer of the Guard for a Ring figure guard team.  
Bottom right; One of the first guard teams to use rats, Echo company goes to inspection arms.

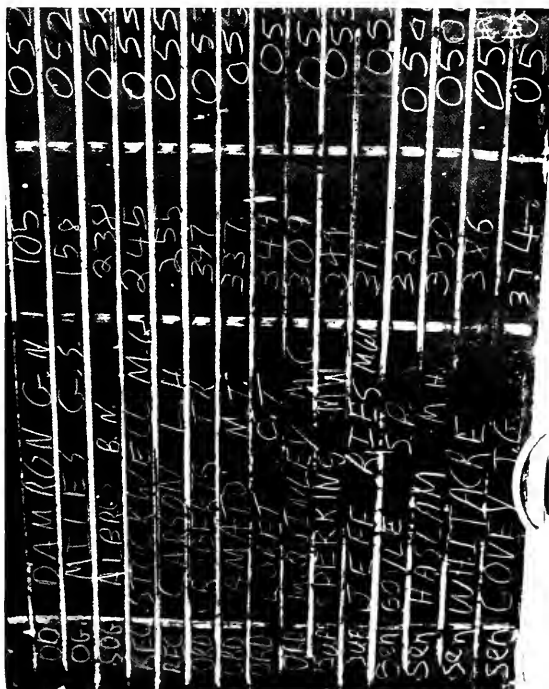
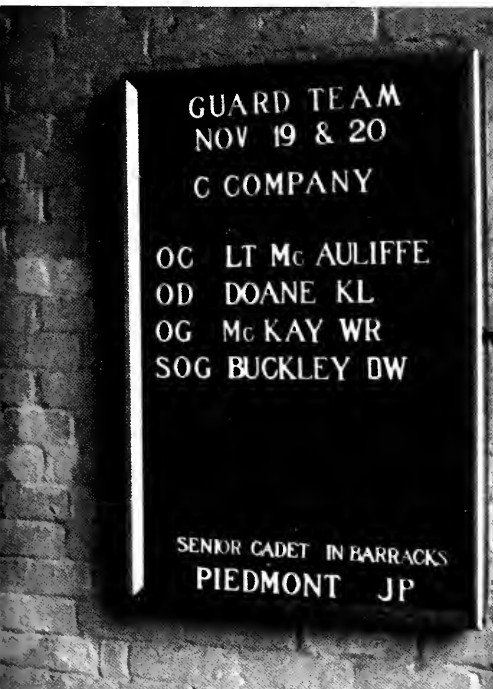




Alpha Company gets inspected by Mack Carr who is the Officer of the Day. Below, a Band Company member gets inspected by the Officer of the Day.



Posted in the Guardroom is the time listings for morning wake-up calls for the Guard Team. (Above) Outside the Guardroom is the Listing of the new Guard for the Corps' information. (below)



# Intramurals

For upperclassmen not on an athletic team, military duty for Tuesday and Thursday is intramurals. Intramurals are activities such as flag football, volleyball, basketball, weight lifting, pentathlon, the boxing club and the karate club. New for the '88-'89 school year is the marathon permit, with cadets training to run in both smaller local races and for larger races such as the Marine Corps Marathon.

Most intramurals are set up as company competitions, with the results figuring into the Garnett Andrews competition.

Participation in intramurals is mandatory, and is also contingent on a cadets' passing of the VMI physical fitness test, or the "PFT". For those who fail this test, the much hated Remedial Fitness Training program, or "RFT" awaits them. The sole purpose of the RFT is to help cadets pass the PFT.

Many of the intramurals do much more than meet twice a week however. During the '87-'88 school year the VMI boxing club hosted the NCAA boxing tournament with representatives from colleges all over the country. VMI boxers took three national titles in this competition. The rugby team also spreads VMI over a large number of nearby colleges. Ruggers travel a great deal to compete, Norfolk this fall, and South Carolina next year.



The karate club poses prior to a practice session under the eye of black belt Glenn Dickenson. (top right) The boxing club, which contains three national title holders, poses with coach Calkins. (bottom right)



On this page we see the Ranger Challenge Team which travelled to Fort Hill to compete with other ROTC units. Some of the team members participate in the Ranger Platoon intramural.(right) Below rugby George Petty prepares to work off some of his aggressions on the rugby pitch.(bottom left) Randy Wood and Dwayne Miller attempting to get bulky, the natural way, by hitting the weight room and "maxing out."(bottom)



# Rat Training

## Making The Man . . .

The goal of Rat Training is to form one part of VMI's so called three legged stool which consists of military duties, academics, and physical training. By testing his physical endurance and mental ability to solve problems, a Rat builds his self confidence, overcomes fears, and establishes a camaraderie with his Brother Rats that will last throughout his cadetship.

Leading the Rats are a dedicated few upperclassmen who act as Cadre. These upperclassmen train hard to insure that the Rats first of all don't kill themselves to achieve what they did not think that they could do.

Every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon Rat Training presents new obstacles for Rats to overcome, such as the run up House Mountain, the zip wire river crossing, and many other training stations that are used to increase a Rats coordination, his reaction time, and his balance. A Rat also faces many things that will appear again later on in the military such as pugil sticks and the Marine Corps obstacle course. Together, these obstacles make up Rat Training, and it is VMI's intent that Rat training will help make the man.

Charlie Company Cadre leads their rats to the rifle p.t. exercises. (Above right)  
First classman Drew Basden instructs rats before they go over the cliff. (Bottom right)







Head of rats attempts the POW escape exercise as Scott Baber looks on (Above)  
 Bravo rats attempt the milking machine, an obstacle that tests upper body. (Below)



Third classman Steve Callahan observes rats attempting the river crossing. (Above)  
 Bravo rats take on the bosuns' chair obstacle. This obstacle requires great coordination and effort to accomplish. (Below)



# Breaking Rules

## Living on the edge

One of the greatest challenges a cadet faces in his cadetship is the myriad of rules and regulations that govern his life. The challenge being how many he can break without being caught by a member of the Tactical Staff or by a confinement check.

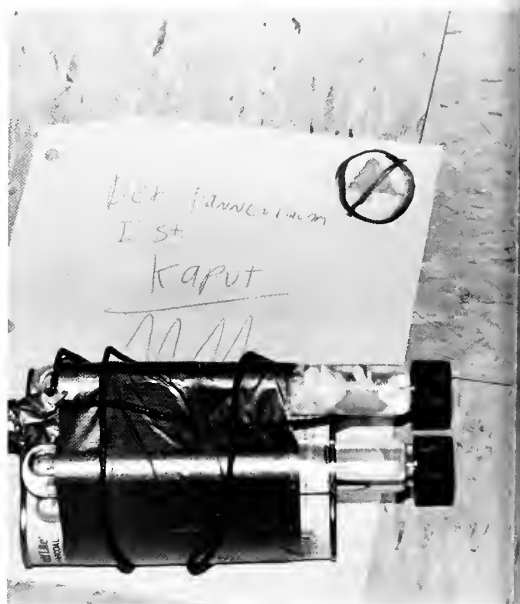
Probably the most liked form of rule breaking is "running the block." Every night the Officer in Charge makes his random check of cadet rooms sometime after taps. When this is completed, especially if it is run before midnight, cadets are often lured out of their hays or study areas to the bright lights of greater downtown Lexington or other points of interest dear to a cadet.



First Classman Sean Raborn, Steve Breheny, Ian Dolan, and Steve Stafford enjoying a few beers. (Below)

A rare photo of the Tannenbaum Jihad as they prepare to launch an attack on the Corps Christmas tree. (Above R.)

The Jihad's preferred method of destruction. (Below R.)



# Confinement

For those Cadets unfortunate enough to be caught breaking the rules, they have penalty tours to look forward to. After receiving their penalty from the Deputy Commandant, Captain Willcockson, Cadets go on confinement for however long it takes to work off their penalty tours. Cadets usually try to get off of confinement as soon as possible, many of them do such things as optional p.t.'s or p.t. details.



Every Wednesday and Saturday unless there is a rain, men on confinement march off their penalty tours in a circular pattern on the bricks in front of barracks as they are doing in the picture at right. In the picture above, two men march off optional p.t.s in the new courtyard. Details are the most sought after form of working off penalty tours, evident in the picture of Nick and Rich Black who are happily working off their penalty tours by serving drinks at a hop.



# Pep Rallies

One of the bright moments of a new school year and football season is the Pep Rally. Rats work fervently to make the best company spirit sheet, and to devise the most unusual costume with the limited resources that they have. It is also one of the few times civilians are allowed into barracks, so the prospect of seeing pretty girls usually insures a good cadet turnout



India Company shows off their spirit sheet backdrop for the cheerleaders. (Top left) A rat tossed around by some of his B.R.s (left) Some rats parading around in the courtyard with costumes. (top) Third classman Tim "pretty" Nolan trying once again to find the girl of his dreams. (above)

# Athletic Events



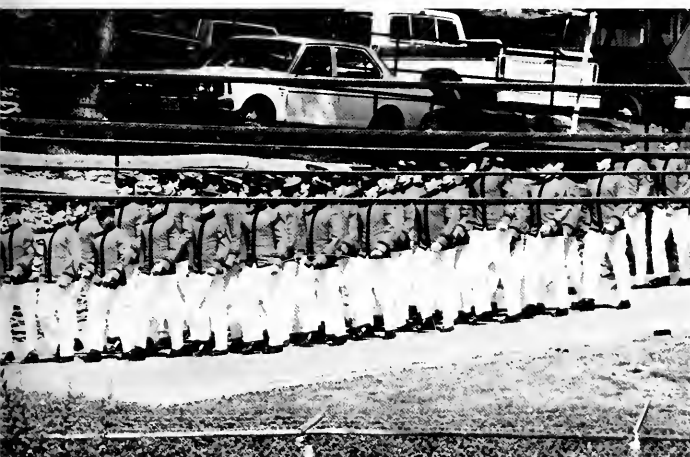
**The Corps will go anywhere to cheer on the Big Red Fighting Machine. Truly, the Corps Roots the Loudest.**

The cadets of VMI are known to be fiercely loyal to their athletic teams. You can see the intensity whenever the Big Red Machine hits the arena of combat against some foul team that dares come against.

During the fall season when football season is at its peak, cadets eagerly away to see their football team play at Alumni Field. They bring dates as well as alcohol to the games to enjoy both. Although the team usually comes short of victory, cadets usually leave with a feeling that in some small way that they've contributed something to the team.

When the air turns cold, the corps goes inside to Cameron Hall to enjoy the Keydets play basketball. Whenever VMI plays at a nearby place, you can bet that some hard-corps cadets will show up to root on the team. This year, VMI played Virginia Tech in Blacksburg and about seven hundred cadets attended the game to gear the Hokies. Although the cadets of VMI fell short of victory, people were amazed on the spirit of the corps.

Do you think that the spirit of the corps will help the Big Red teams in their effort to defeat the enemy? You bet. When you hear the roar of the crowd behind you, you get a sense of reassurance that will overcome any doubts you have in your mind about winning.



Randall Willard, Rich Pell, and Patrick Becker show their enthusiasm of the basketball team at Tech. e: A tradition at every football game, the corps marches down to Alumni Field to enjoy a good football



Top Left: "Those damned cadets are late!", exclaims Col. David Harbach during one of the parades.

Top Middle: Joe Lane, Bryan Brooks, and Alan Levy take some of their valuable study-time to check out some girls at a pep-rally.

Top Right: Kevin Sullivan kindly presents a Rat Bible to one of 409 New Cadets.

Above: The next Arnold Schwarzenegger, Glen Dickerson pumps some serious iron in the renovated weight room.

Right: Rob Campbell the infamous "Pylon" and a young lady ham it up at a pep rally.





Top: Kevin Boyum, Dwayne Miller, and Alan Ratliff enjoy a nice warm day at Goshen Pass.

Above: These two Rats are caught in a humiliating position for some sadistic Third Classman photographer.

Left: John Mistr tunes up his guitar while Chris Bryant in the background prepares to jam during evening study hours.

## People

Reflecting . . .

## People Of The Institute



Chris Schinstock watches the Tac run an early stick and smiles knowing that he'll be "Running the Block".



Col. Stotz and his secretary smile for the camera as she unknowingly swamped down with work that he will give her.

Just as the country has been described as a melting pot of individuals from different origins and backgrounds, likewise, the Institute blends the kaleidoscope-like characters of over thirteen hundred cadets coming from most every state and several foreign countries with time-wisened guidance of the Institute administration and respected faculty members. This blend, unique to any other school in the nation, is the driving force that gives the Virginia Military Institute its proud name and heritage.

The administration is headed by General Sam Walker, superintendent of VMI since 1981. General Walker, a combat veteran of both the Korean and Viet Nam wars, served as commandant at the United States Military Academy prior to his tenure at the Institute. General Walker is a member of the VMI class of '45. The administration is rounded by the academic dean, General John Knapp, VMI '54, assistant superintendent, Colonel Leroy Hammond, VMI '57, commandant of cadets, Colonel David Harbach, VMI '61, and assistant commandant, Captain Harold

Wilcockson, formerly sergeant-major USA. The combined efforts of these men foster a highly professional management of the Institute.

The faculty of VMI provide an excellent learning atmosphere to promote the finest education possible in order to hone the educational repertoire of each cadet. The faculty and staff consists of several VMI graduates and a host of graduates representing other fine schools. Nearly three quarters of the instructors have attained a doctorate-level degree. The learning experience in the halls of academia at VMI is approached only at the very finest schools in the nation. This education provides a "hands on" experience in all levels of offered curriculum. This level of instruction has placed VMI as the top-ranked comprehensive school in the south.

Finally, the Corps of Cadets, the embodiment of the Institute, represent men drawn from various places and backgrounds to create "a crowd of honorable youths pressing up the hill of science." This "crowd" is formed by four separate classes brought together

through the many trials and tribulations experienced as a cadet. This mutual experience forms what is quite simply a brotherhood of young men pursuing a common goal: the title of Virginia Military Institute Graduate.

As an integrated unit, the Institute functions effectively through the coordination and cooperation of the administration, faculty, and Corps of Cadets. The many examples of this arrangement are evident in the planning of Institute events such as hops and lectures, organization of military training and barracks management, as well as the handling of new cadet orientation. Additionally, faculty members are very active and generous in their cooperation with the many organizations and clubs sponsored by the individual faculty members. This harmonious interaction is a course between the many individuals of the Virginia Military Institute is the underlying cause of the past achievements and shall serve as a guiding factor as the Institute continues to strive forward into the future.



Left: Patrick Poon moves into score range at the Hokies as Mike Morelock cheers him on behind the goal.

Right: Those wild Regimental Staffers Kendrick and Paul Pardew watch over the but who watches over them?

Right: Al Versoza asks Jon Thibodeaux if he came here, who is asking himself the same question.



Institute	70
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# Institute

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Gerald L. Baliles



Superintendent  
General Sam S. Walker



Executive Assistant to  
the Superintendent  
Col. Leroy D. Hammond

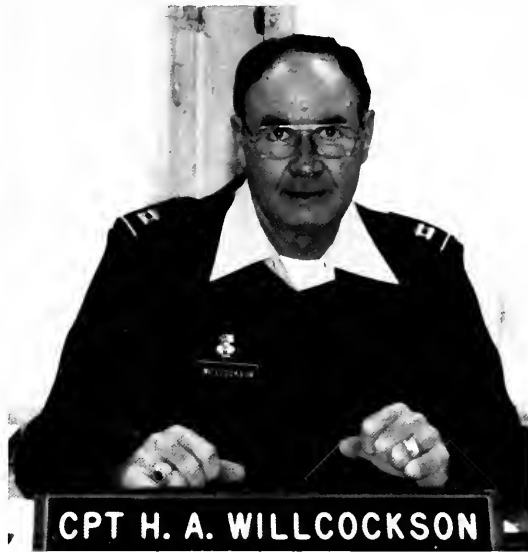


Dean of the Faculty  
Maj. General John  
W. Knapp





Colonel David V. Harbach  
Commandant of Cadets



Captain Harold Willcockson  
Deputy Commandant



Sandi Hartless  
Commandant's Secretary



Judy Ellinger  
Commandant's  
Secretary



Kay Hanes  
Commandant's  
Secretary

# Department of Biology

When a cadet decides to pursue a biology degree, he is often asked what are you going to do with a biology degree? Many people believe, that the only thing that can be done with a biology degree is to pursue a medical career. The cadet, on the other hand knows there are several careers in which he can pursue a career.

One great advantage of pursuing a biology degree, is the one on one help that the cadet may receive. This is possible because there are so few cadets enrolled in the biology curriculum. This year is no different; there are only three first classmen majoring in biology.

The cadet that takes the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) route is more than likely going to enter the business oriented careers in science. Some of these jobs include, working for industries, biological firms, and probably one of the most odd jobs that most people don't think about, is becoming a forest ranger. This proves that a biology major can do just about anything he wants.

On the other hand, cadets wishing to become doctors, dentists, pharmacists, even veterinarians, take the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) curriculum. The B.S. curriculum requires more sciences needed to get into medical school.

Whether pursuing a B.S. or B.A. degree, the cadet is ready to enter either straight into the business world or go to medical school. Cadets tend to pursue a B.S. degree, which involves more sciences and is a better background for graduates.



Colonel Swope is the head of the Biology Department.

This biology major studies fruit flies under the microscope in the lab.



# Department of Chemistry

The only encounter most cadets have with the Chemistry Department is the "freshman" Chemistry course, better known as "Rat" Chemistry, which is required by VMI curriculum. Sadly, after this growing experience with "The Central Science" most cadets avoid Maury-oke Hall as much as possible. There are, however, an ardent few who choose to pursue a degree in chemistry. These are the few cadets who can be easily picked out in the afternoon, since they are not asleep, but instead stylishly dressed in "pickle juice" to press up the hill of science in numerous laboratory classes that must be completed. A number of aspiring Big-Boy majors augment the tiny complement of Chemistry majors, nonetheless. The classes are small. Course titles include such enamoring topics as Physical Chemistry, Instrumental Methods of Analysis, Inorganic Chemistry, and Qualitative Organic Chemistry. The smaller classes allow the cadets to get to know their instructors and understand the course material better. The instructors in the Chemistry Department are approachable and knowledgeable. Most faculty members are also involved in research projects. The VMI Summer Research Program for Chemistry majors allows cadets to work for a summer in an area of chemistry which interests them with a faculty member.

The Chemistry Department has many dimensions which apply to the cadet. These dimensions supply a well-rounded education which is applicable to both the civilian and military world. Thus, the VMI Chemistry Department supports the Citizen-Soldier concept.

Reithmiller assists a cadet in the Chemistry

Wetmore is the Chemistry Department Head.



# The Department of Civil Engineering

The task of providing safe and effective means of transportation, housing, and environmental controls has always fallen on the Civil Engineer.

The VMI Civil Engineering Department is the oldest of the three engineering departments at VMI. The Department is broken down into three main branches; transportation, structural, and environmental.

Cadets who concentrate in Structures become proficient in design and analysis of structures. Cadets who are interested in transportation, study cost analysis, forecasting future developments and design of roadway networks. Environmental engineering lets cadets become proficient in design of treatment plants, state regulations, general chemical analysis and other environmental issues.

Before any cadet chooses an area of concentration he must overcome a vigorous schedule of general sciences, humanities, and numerous math courses. While broadening his horizons the cadets become well rounded individuals ready to take on the work-force of the future.

A Civil Engineers first class year is a

combination of everything learned up to date. It involves technical papers, seminars dealing with engineering projects, computer programs, design projects, a "capstone" course that deals with the cadets field of concentration and a Fundamentals of Engineering exam.

The departments ten faculty members, head by Col. Jamison, are known for striving to achieve excellence while providing assistance when needed. Classes are small enough to maintain a constant record of each cadets progress while improving each individuals knowledge.

Upon graduation, Civil Engineers follow careers with the nations highway departments, private contractors, the armed services, and many other corporations, still others find there way into graduate schools. VMI Civil Engineers are sought in the job market to perform many of the skills they acquired while in school. The Departments of history show a long record of high prestige and a quality of engineers that will help improve the standards of the Nations transportation, structural design, and environmental conditions.



# Department of Electrical Engineering

The department of electrical engineering teaches a broad spectrum of fundamental engineering principles, with an emphasis on electrical and computer engineering. Methods used are generally applicable to the solution of engineering problems, which permits graduates a large field in which to choose a career.

Graduates of this program are sought for work in manufacture, design, operation, sales and management by firms involved with power, electronics, and communications as well as by research and development firms.

This curriculum provides an early foundation in basic sciences, mathematics, and engineering sciences to prepare

for electrical engineering and computer engineering courses. Elective courses are also taken during the first class year, which provides for more specialized design courses. Humanistic electives are also taken to avoid an excess concern with technical matters.

Completion of this curriculum, with adequate attention to subjects included on the fundamental of engineering exam will enable cadet wishing to become Registered Professional Engineers.

This department also has well maintained labs and sponsors an amateur radio club and a chapter of Eta Kappa Nu, international honor society in electrical engineering.



mel Stotz, Head of the Department of Electrical Engineering and the Department secretary.

cadet studies his electrical engineering notes in class.



# Department of Mechanical Engineering

Mechanical engineering is the second oldest of the engineering professions in the world. It also has the second largest enrollment of students in the United States. Mechanical engineering is a very broad field and includes fields such as, refrigeration, air conditioning, energy conservation, nuclear engineering, biomedical engineering, transportation equipment engineering and industrial engineering. Mechanical engineers are employed by all kinds of industries, all across the nation. Mechanical engineering is an excellent background for a career in the military, government, business, or other professions, such as law or medicine.

The mechanical engineering curriculum at VMI focuses on two points: One is related to energy; the second is related to structures and motion in mechanical systems. Courses are taken in science, mathematics, and liberal arts. Cadets are also exposed to both civil and electrical engineering courses. Extensive use in computers are also required.

The mechanical engineering department has been in existence since 1941 as a service to the other departments. In 1982, the new curriculum started, which produced its first graduates in May 1983. The mechanical engineering department also sponsors a student section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Captain Sexton is a professor in the Mechanical Engineering department.

Nichols Engineering Building houses the Mechanical Engineering Department.





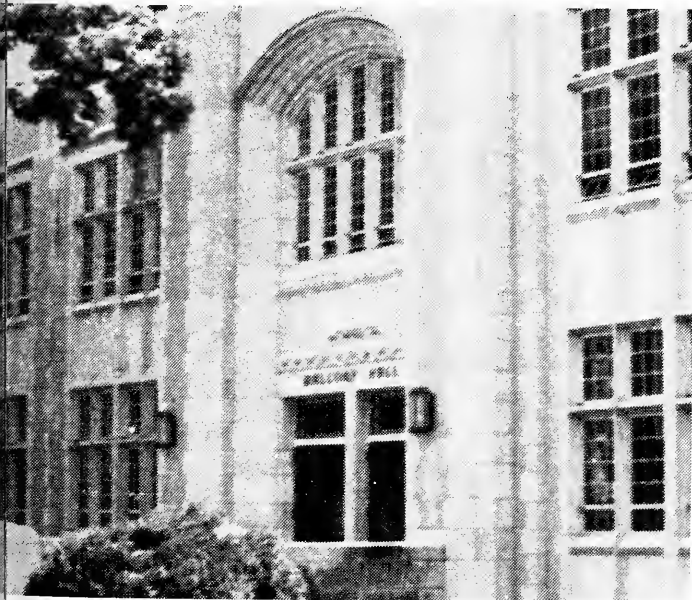
# Department of Physics and Astronomy

Striving to understand the physical behavior of the universe, is exactly what physics majors are doing. The two goals of physics is to be able to think analytically and gain experience in the experimental investigation of physics and the surrounding universe.

In physics, the cadet becomes familiar with the framework and basic laws of the universe. Physics majors take numerous courses to understand and apply physical principles.

The physics department is housed in Mallory Hall, which include a library, shop facilities, x-ray and nuclear physics laboratories.

Due to the nature of study and curriculum, cadets often have a close relationship with faculty members. The department also sponsors the VMI chapter of society of Physics students. This organization includes Sigma Pi Sigma, the national physics honor society.



Colonel Peters is the head of the Department of Physics and Astronomy.

Mallory Hall houses the Department of Physics and Astronomy.

# Department of Math

There are two curricula in the mathematics department which lead to a Bachelor's degree. The first curriculum stresses humanities and leads to a bachelor of arts degree. The second curriculum emphasizes sciences and leads to a bachelor of science degree.

The math curriculum is set up to prepare a cadet for position in business, industry, government, graduate schools, and professional schools, such as, medicine, and engineering. It helps to promote an understanding in several basic fields of mathematics. It helps the cadet to become efficient in his techniques and to develop an appreciation and understanding of the nature of mathematics.

Whether taking the B.S. or B.A., the cadet is prepared to enter into a job or any type of graduate study.



Colonel Lominac is the Head of the Math Department.



Colonel Deal takes a break after his first cp.

# Department of Economics and Business

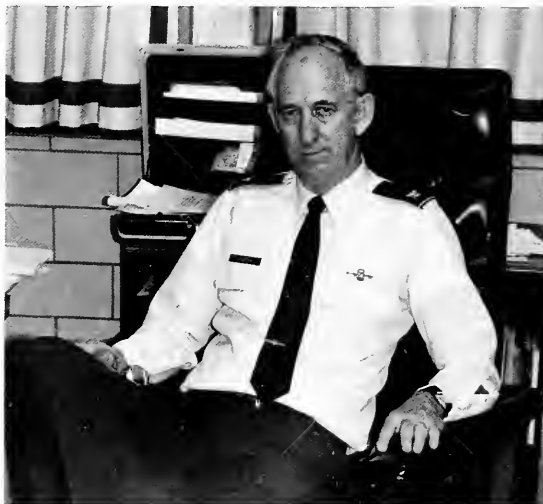
...ce, economics was a lone major, but the major has been expanded to include business also. This addition was made in the fall of 1990. This also makes a more well-rounded curriculum. The major is designed to provide an understanding of the economic system and the functions of the business enterprise in the economy. It tests the student's ability to think about economic issues. The economics curriculum requires many of the same courses as other liberal Arts major, yet this curriculum has an emphasis on developing analytical tools and methods of public economic policy and business decision making. This provides a wide range of preparation, which is an excellent preparation for a business career, military career, or other graduate programs, such as,

law school or business administration school.

Something that is unique to the Economics and Business major, is the VMI investment club. What makes this investment club different from other similar clubs, is the use of real money. The club is split into two groups and the VMI Alumni Association gives \$100,000 to each group. Each group is allowed to invest the money in the stock market, the way they see fit. The cadets have always come out ahead at the end of the year, when the money is returned to the Alumni Association. In fact, one year the cadets were ranked among the top five investment groups in the nation. The only groups ahead of them were professional investment groups.



...conomics major can't believe how easy this



Colonel Claiborn is the Economics and Business Department Head.

# Department of Modern Languages

The modern language curriculum offers basic and advanced training in languages, literature, and culture. Cadets choose which of the three languages—French, Spanish, and German—they will pursue and studies that language for four years. The courses are designed to teach the cadet to speak, read, and write in his chosen language with an acceptable degree of fluency and correctness. The cadet is introduced to the history, thought and civilization of the country in which that language is spoken. Cadets may also choose to pursue a second language.

Cadets are also required to have a basic understanding of man and his physical environment and the society in which he lives. Courses are also required in natural science, English, history, and philosophy. Graduates receive basic training in natural sciences and liberal arts, along with the specialized language training. They are well equipped for careers in the military, business, government, and teaching.

Colonel Harris, the head of the modern languages department.



This cadet works on his language skills in the language lab.

# he Department of History

History is perhaps one of the most undervalued of academic disciplines. Indeed, the values and affairs of centuries past are stereotyped as being unimportant and consequential to the complexities of our societies. The result is a failure to understand the significance or the origins of events and institutions that influence the world we live in. At VMI, the Department of History and Politics provides a wide variety of courses that give students a degree of knowledge and awareness essential for careers in business, law, government service, politics and the armed forces. The history major emerges from the program with an excellent chance for success in any one of these professions. The impact of history upon peoples' lives is usually goes unnoticed. Customs and traditions that separate various cultures are all products of the past. Since history can be described as nothing more than accumulated experiences, we come to understand that the success or failure of a profession relies greatly on the knowledge gained from past experiences of ourselves and others before him. Just as one cannot know a person's background in order to understand the person, so too must one study the history of today's issues in order to have a firm grasp on the facts and thus

formulate an educated opinion.

Perhaps the greatest attraction of a history and political science curriculum to cadets, whether studying strategies of World War II or the inner-workings of American Government, is that they are doing what they want to do. The desire to know about our past and why things are as they are is inherent in all of us. Furthermore, the considerable value of a strong understanding of history holds with regard to the military profession is amply demonstrated by the great military leaders who now fill the pages of history. Frederick the Great, Napoleon, Patton, MacArthur (to name just a few) all shared a passion for history, recognizing the need to learn from the victories and defeats of the past commanders and thus obtain freely what has cost others so dearly.

With three years of foreign language studies, a wide range of political science courses and many interesting opportunities, including field trips and foreign study. The history curriculum gives cadets a sense of appreciation for their heritage and an in-depth understanding of foreign cultures and international issues. The scope of these accomplishments will be enhanced at VMI with the arrival of an International Studies program next year.



# Department of English

The ability to speak and write clearly and effectively, to use research materials creatively, to analyze and interpret materials of all sorts, and to think about people's motives and understand why they act the way they do. These skills are demanded in all occupations, these skills are offered in the English curriculum. This curriculum also prepares the cadet for various professional schools. English graduates of the Institute have been successful in graduate schools of law, business, medicine, theology, psychology, and art, as well as English, and others are at work practicing medicine, commanding troops, heading banks, managing businesses, writing for newspapers, running colleges, editing periodicals, painting

pictures, and writing novels.

For Cadets majoring in English the English Department sponsors a large range of activities. Their clubhouse Daniels Library in Scott Shipp Hall maintained by the English Society. The English Society sponsors a film series each year and brings noted novelists, poets, critics, and artists on Post to present and discuss their work.

Upon completion of the English Department's four year curriculum, a cadet receives a B.A. in English from the Virginia Military Institute and a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Military. The Head of the Department of English is Colonel Davis.



These new cadets are participating in English. All new cadets are required to take an English course.

# Department of Philosophy and Psychology

The Department of Philosophy and Psychology offers nine courses in psychology which may be taken as electives in all of the curricula. To receive a minor in psychology, the cadet must receive a C or better in fifteen credit hours. This minor is most often associated with biology, english, history, and business majors.

Psychology is a systematic course of study which provides the cadet with a sophisticated understanding of his own motives and behaviors as well as the motives and behaviors of other people. The study of psychology and philosophy applies to all facets of our society and in every medium of human endeavor. Captain Hughes is the Department Head for Philosophy and Psychology.



Cadets seem to be worn out after a psychology class.



# Department of Physical Education

The citizen-soldier is based on both the mental and physical scale. As a consequence, an integral component of the VMI educational experience is the physical development of cadets.

There are four major goals of the VMI physical education department, they are: achieve and maintain the optimal level of physical conditioning, educate cadets in the principles underlying the development of exercise programs, provide life-long skills and recreation, and finally to develop self-confidence and leadership abilities in cadets.

Each cadet must complete four credit hours in physical education in order to meet the requirements for graduation.

Each cadet is required to take classes in boxing and wrestling, "rat drowning" (swimming), and principles in conditioning. These courses are taught to overcome fears, such as being able to defend oneself or teach basic fundamentals in swimming. In addition to these courses, three electives must be taken.

Cadets are also required to pass a physical fitness test consisting of push-ups, pull-ups, a 2 mile run, and sit-ups. Cadets unable to meet the minimal physical requirements are placed in a remedial fitness program until they are able to pass the PFT.

Rat training is designed to help rats to overcome fears such as, rappelling and

climbing back up the cliff, pugil stick, five mile run is also included in rat training. But the main purpose of rat training is to overcome any fears a cadet may have.

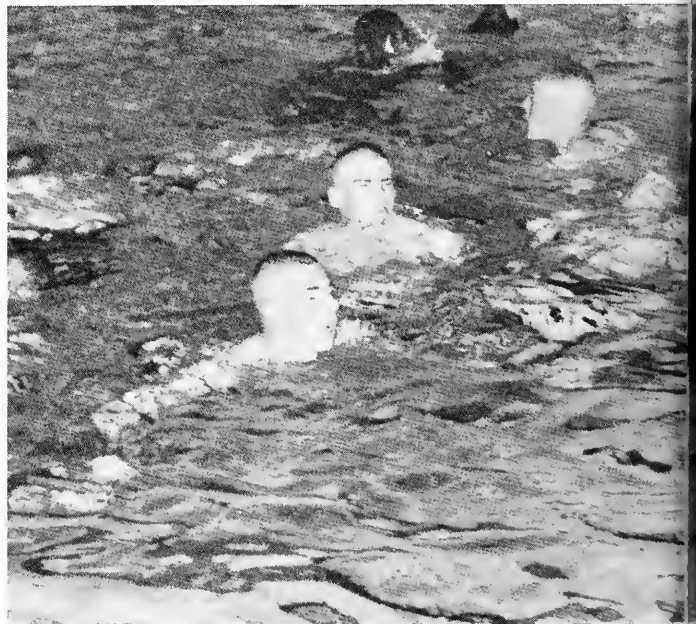
Intermurals is also an integral part of the physical education department. Cadets are allowed to choose any activity in which they participate throughout the week. Some of these activities include racquetball, basketball, boxing, volleyball, training, and football.

There are many different aspects contained in the physical education department. The main goal is to develop the body and mind to its full potential.



Dr. King, the Head of the Physical Education Department.

These new cadets participate in "rat drowning" as it is commonly referred. This swimming course is a requirement towards graduation.



# Department of Military Science

The VMI MS Department is a four year curriculum required by every Army cadet to complete before his graduation from the institute. Supporting one of the most distinguished of Army cadets in the nation, the department is broken down into four separate years of study. During a cadet's first year with the MS Department (MS I), he will receive a broad outlook of the history of the United States Army from its founding in 1775, to the recent battles of Grenada and the armed conflicts in the Middle East. MS I cadets also receive hands-on training with not only the weapons used in today's modern Army (M16A1), but also get a feel for the weapons of yesterday's Army.

During an Army cadet's second year in the department (MS II), he is further instructed in the tactical techniques used by today's officers, such as land navigation with maps and also in the use of MS IIs are also instructed in the use of first aid and life saving which are applicable in the military, but also in all

walks of life.

A cadet's MS III year is centered on his preparation for advanced camp in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The summer training at Ft. Bragg, required by every MS cadet to successfully complete, demands sound knowledge and training in basic garrison skills and also in light infantry skills. MS III cadets train during the first and second semesters of the third year, striving to obtain these skills from their cadre (made up of active Army NCO's and also MS IV cadets who have just completed their training and know what the required standards are.)

The MS IV year, the final year before a cadet's commissioning, is spent in preparation to become an officer and also in the further military education and training in the air-land battle and combined arms operations.

What does all of this military training lead to? It leads to a cadet's commissioning in the United States Active Army, Army Reserve, or Army National Guard. At the time of graduation and

after commissioning, the VMI Army cadet will be prepared to take on his duty to the United States not only as an active officer, but as a citizen-soldier. The VMI men who do not seek active commissions with the U.S. Army go on to be the leaders and executives in American businesses and government. However, no matter where they are, they are prepared as citizen-soldiers to take their place as military leaders if called upon.

These men, the sons of VMI have been called to duty and successfully taken part in the victories of not only the Battle of New Market, but also the Mexican War, the Spanish American War, WWI, WWII, and the painful experiences of the Korean War, and the Vietnam Conflict. These men will go on in the future to fight for freedom and democracy in the world and VMI will go on producing the highly valued men needed to fulfill this duty. When there is a conflict somewhere in the world today, it can be guaranteed that the VMI Army cadet will be ready to say: "Here I am. Send me!"



The Cobra, a United States Army helicopter, makes a pit-stop on the practice football field.

Col. Harbach, Military Science Department Head, inspects the rifle of a cadet during a Friday Evening Inspection.

# Department of Naval Science

V.M.I. is well known for its mission of molding the citizen soldier. Part of that mission is fulfilled by the three ROTC units that are located on Post. Of those three, a large part of that responsibility is handled by the NROTC Department. Its mission is to prepare cadets for roles in aviation, surface, submarine billets or as officers in the Marine Corps. Performed in either active duty or reserve positions the V.M.I. NROTC cadet carries a long tradition of doing his duties with a vigor and confidence unique to the V.M.I. cadet.

The Navy Cadet is given a choice of what community of the service he will enter upon graduation, be it aviation, surface, or submarine. However, the cadet is required to take courses that will provide him basic instruction in naval engineering, weapons systems, navigation, and leadership. Upon successful completion of these courses, the cadet spends his First Class summer in the role

of a junior officer aboard units of the fleet.

For those cadets who select the Marine Corps option, the training is similar to that of Navy option cadets for the first two years of their cadetship. In their remaining two years these cadets are instructed in those aspects of warfare that are unique to the marines, such as amphibious landings. Further emphasis is given to preparing these cadets for their summer at Officer Candidate School, better known as Bulldog, at Quantico, Virginia. While the unit provides instruction to cadets, it also provides cadets with several extracurricular activities that allow cadets to see Navy and Marine Corps operations up close. Such opportunities are provided by the Trident Society and the Semper Fi Society. The Trident Society promotes a further understanding of the Navy's overall mission and how that mission is carried out. This is done through speakers from the

various communities and field trip units of the fleet. The Trident Society also sponsors sail training which is a vital part of a cadets training. Its Marine Corps counterpart is the Semper Fi Society. Like the Trident Society, Semper Fi educates future officers through speakers from the different areas of the Corps. Semper Fi also sponsors the V.M.I. Running Group, which allows cadets to participate in the various long distance runs like the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington D.C.. The two organizations also work together to put on the Navy and Marine Corps Birthday Ball that is put on every year during Opening Hops. While providing service to the Corps of Cadets, both groups provide invaluable service to the surrounding community. NROTC at V.M.I. has, is, and will continue to fulfill the mission of providing the Navy and Marine Corps with officers who are both competent and confident of completing any task that is given them.



Colonel Dabney is the Head of the Naval Science Department.

Kilbourne Hall houses the Naval Science Department.



# The Department of Areospace Studies

The Department of Areospace Studies  
provides Air Force option cadets  
with the skills necessary to enter the  
United States Air Forces as a Second  
Lieutenant upon graduation from the In-  
stitute. Headed by Colonel Williams, the  
Department provides each Air Forces op-  
tion cadet with a firm background in the  
structure and history of the Air Force, as well  
as enhancing their leadership abilities.  
The four year program of study man-  
dated by the Institute keeps all Air Force  
option cadets glued to their chairs.



Above: A flight of Corsairs from the Air National  
Guard Base in Richmond, Va. "buzz" Alumni Field  
before the Parent's Weekend fooyball game.



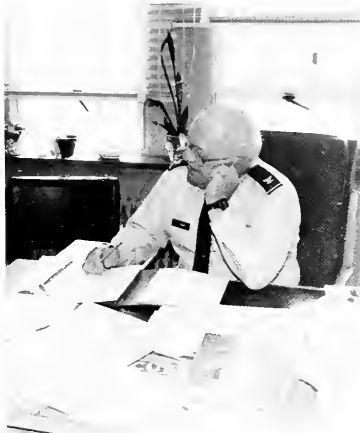
Colonel Williams, the Professor of Areospace  
Studies.

# Department of Computer Science

In the fall of 1987, a new major was added to the curriculum of majors at VMI. The new curriculum added, was the Computer Science Major.

The computer science department has two aims for this major. The first aim, is to prepare the cadets for graduate study in computer science, or jobs in business, industry, or governmental jobs. The second aim of the course is to give a good grounding in principles, and theories in computer skills, in order to understand issues of design. Cadets are also taught the capability and potential of software and hardware.

Computer Science became a new major, when the computer revolution occurred. Computers are now used to do everything, including the simplest tasks. In addition to the curriculum, every cadet whether a computer science major or not has to take an academic computing class. This is one-hour course teaches the fundamentals of computing. Cadets are taught how to use Wordperfect and Lotus 1,2,3. This course is taught to everyone and is a good introduction to the use and power of a computer.



Colonel Zdinak, Computer Science Department Head, has a conference with a student.



These new cadets take an academic computing class, to become familiar with the computer. This course is a requirement for all cadets.

# International Studies

The Department of History and Politics offers a multidisciplinary International Studies area of concentration open to all cadets. It is open to mostly Liberal Arts majors.

In today's world there are no countries great, that they can exist by themselves. On the political, military, diplomatic, economic and cultural terms, the fate of one country lies in the hands of another country. Because of this, there is a growing need for individuals to participate directly in International affairs.

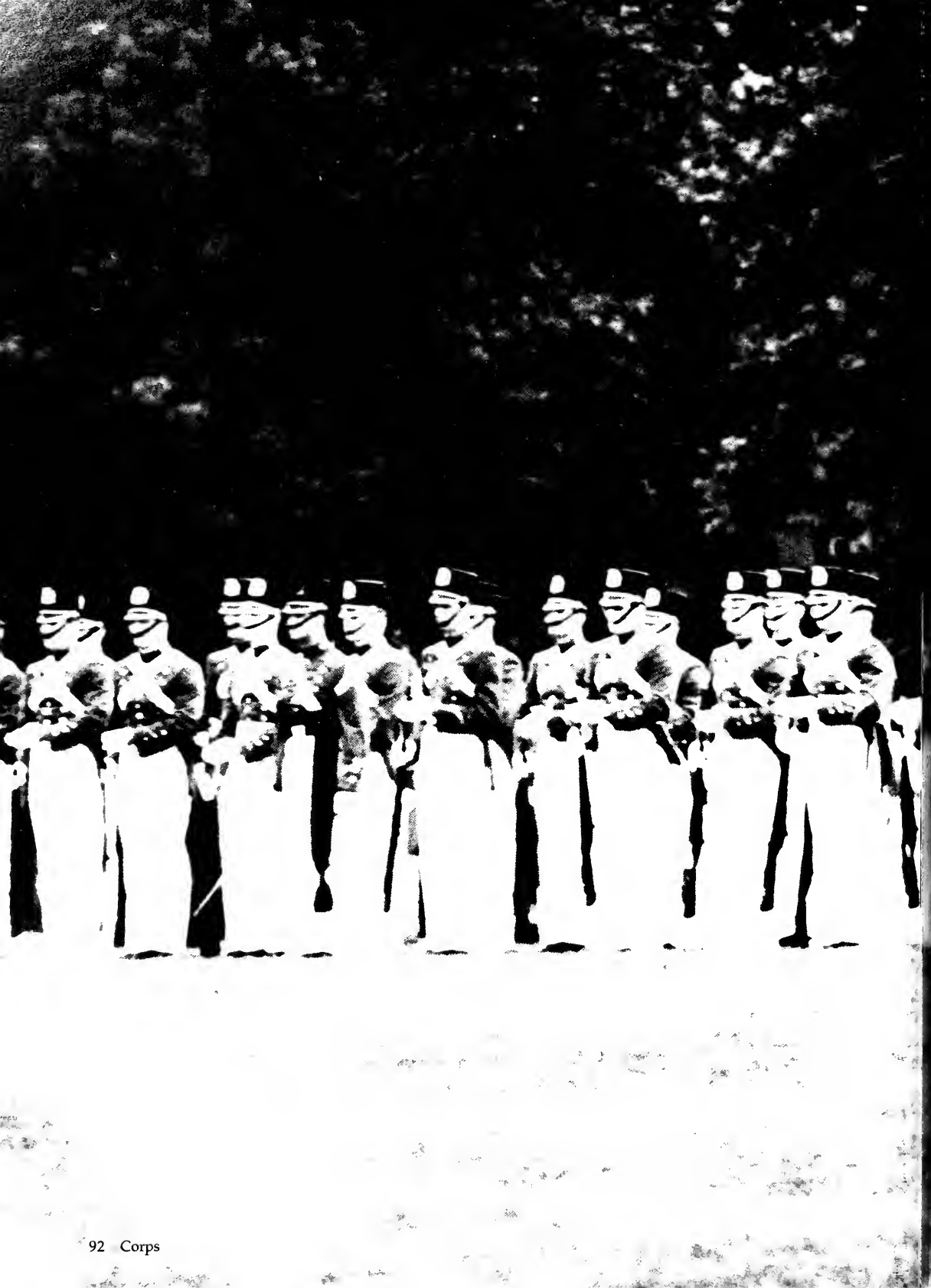
This study is designed to broaden a cadet's knowledge and perspective of international affairs. In addition to courses taught here, cadets can go abroad to study, with permission from the head of the Department of History and Politics and the head of the International Studies program. This addition to the Department of History is a great opportunity to learn about international affairs and maybe even a chance to study abroad.



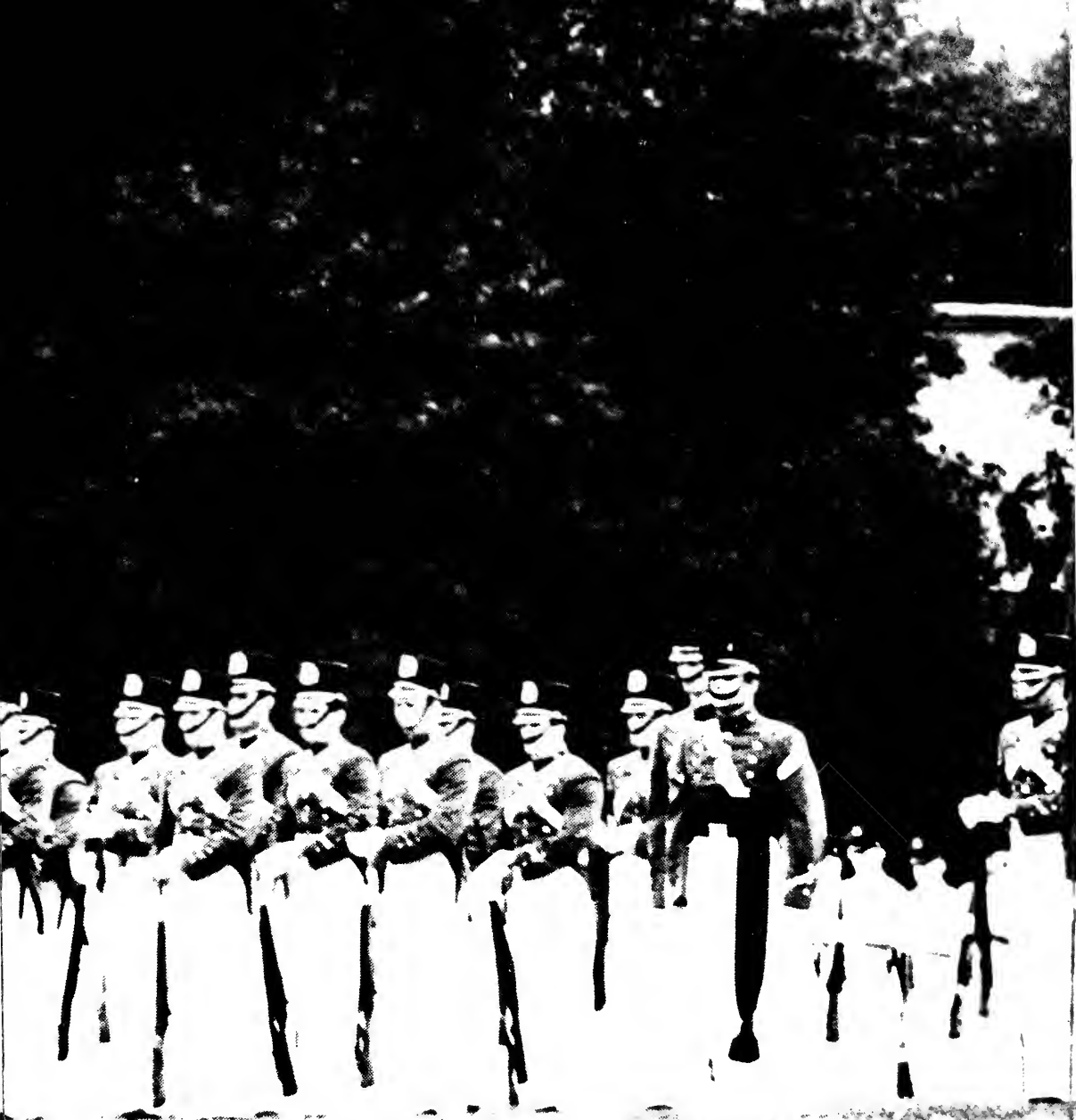
Professor Chandler taught history through the International Studies program.



Colonel Mayerchak is the head of the International Studies Program.







# Corps

# The Regimental Staff

Matthew G. St. Clair  
Regimental Commander

Kevin E. Boyum  
Executive Officer

Robert W. Jones  
S-1 Captain

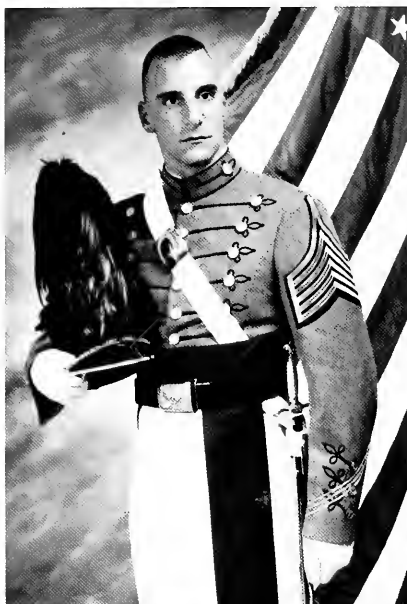
Thomas J. Reilly  
S-2 Captain

John P. Piedmont  
S-3 Captain

Andrew L. Rose  
S-4 Captain

Gregg R. Kendrick  
S-5 Captain

Jason W. Schmoyer  
Regimental Sergeant  
Major





Through out the one hundred and fifty years that the institute has been in existence, the Corps has been led by members of the Corps for the purpose that it is easier to go along with policies that are set by one's peers instead of by outsiders.

The Regimental Staff are the main leaders of the Corps, often setting rules and regulations but also act as intermediaries between the Corps and the administration. The staff is seperated into five components, with each component serving a particular job. The S-1 is the adjutant and takes care of any administrative duties. The S-2 is responsible for the academics of the Corps. The S-3 is responsible for the military training of the Corps by planning military duty. The S-4 is responsible for supplying the Corps with essential material. The S-5's job is to establish good public relations with those outside of the Institute.

The Regimental Staff, led by Matt Fair, executes "Right" when pass in review in front of the reviewing during a parade.



Michael J. Monfalcone  
S-1 Lieutenant

Paul H. Pardew  
S-3 Lieutenant

Henry J. Amato  
S-4 Lieutenant

Matthew J. Ans  
S-5 Lieutenant



Mark W. McSwain  
S-1 Sergeant

Richard C. McWilliams  
S-3 Sergeant

Finnie D. Coleman  
S-4 Sergeant

John C. Golden  
S-5 Sergeant

Andrew Rose and Kevin Boyum take their place on the reviewing line as members of the Color Guard pass in front of the reviewing party

# The Regimental Color Guard

Brian N. Albro  
Color Sergeant

Timothy G. Bosetti  
Color Sergeant

Douglas H. Harper  
Color Sergeant

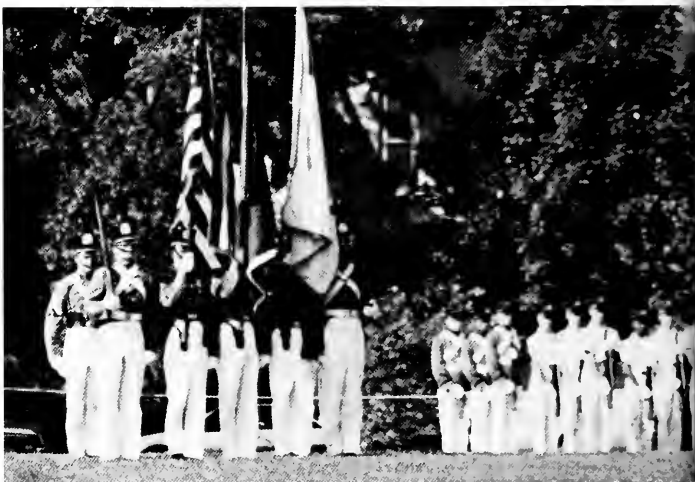
Larry G. Riddick  
Color Sergeant



Philip M. Moyer  
Rifle Bearer



Edward Dunnington  
Rifle Bearer



Top: The Color Guard led by the Regimental Sergeant Major Jake Schmoyer stand ready to present arms during the parade during the presentation of academic awards.  
At Left: The Color Guard prepares to pass in review during Founders Day.



# The First Battalion Staff



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Battalion Commander

Charles Anderson  
Executive Officer

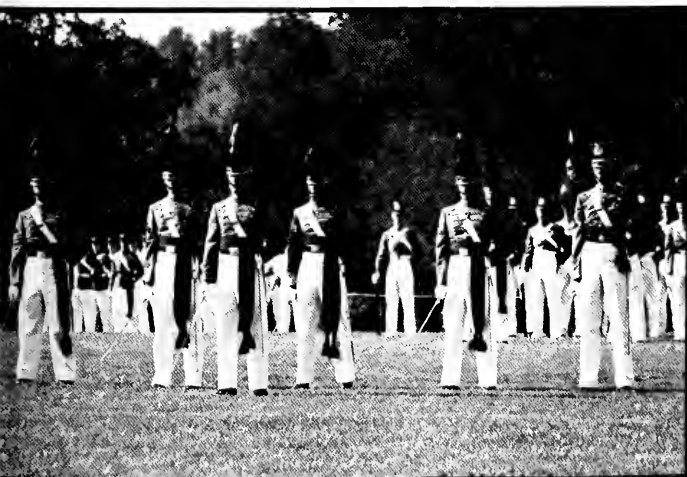


Stephen H. Warren  
S-1 Lieutenant

William H. Crone  
S-2 Lieutenant

Todd A. Hooks  
S-3 Lieutenant

Kevin P. Wood  
S-4 Lieutenant



Members of the First Battalion Staff stand at parade rest during the sounding of retreat.



John C. Gregory  
S-5 Lieutenant



Leon B. Alten  
Sergeant Major

# The Second Battalion Staff

Dwayne G. Miller  
Battalion Commander

Joseph E. Grealish  
Executive Officer



William S. Cairo  
S-1 Lieutenant

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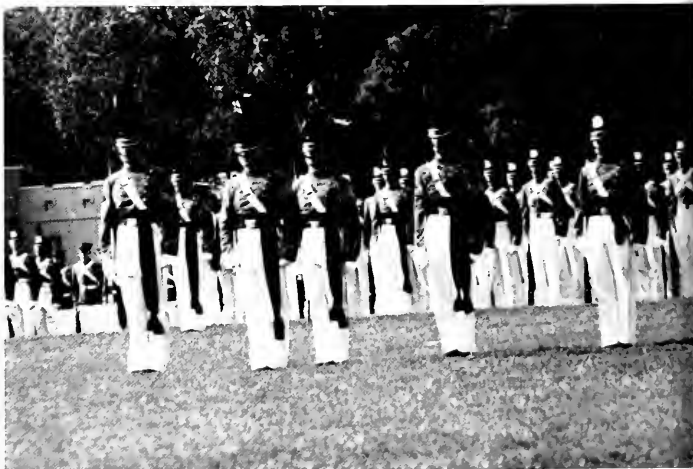
Stephen R. Peyton  
S-4 Lieutenant



Timothy T. Barbour  
S-5 Lieutenant



David S. West  
Sergeant Major



Led by Dwayne Miller, the staff of Second Battalion comes to attention as they receive the command pass and review.

# The Third Battalion Staff



Randolph L. Wood  
Battalion Commander

Brian P. Duffy  
Executive Officer



Fred W. Smith  
S-1 Lieutenant

John H. Osborn  
S-2 Lieutenant

David M. Royer  
S-3 Lieutenant

Donald A. Basden  
S-4 Lieutenant



During the playing of the National Anthem, Randy Wood and his staff come to present arms.



Nathaniel L. Cross  
S-5 Lieutenant



Christian R. Larlee  
Sergeant Major



# Band Company

Ian J. Dolan  
Company Commander

Marc D. Peltier  
Executive Officer



Daniel P. Bowen  
Regimental Drum  
Major



Darrin L. Galleo  
Platoon Leader



Anthony L. McCants  
Platoon Leader



Derek R. McCown  
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John T. Taylor  
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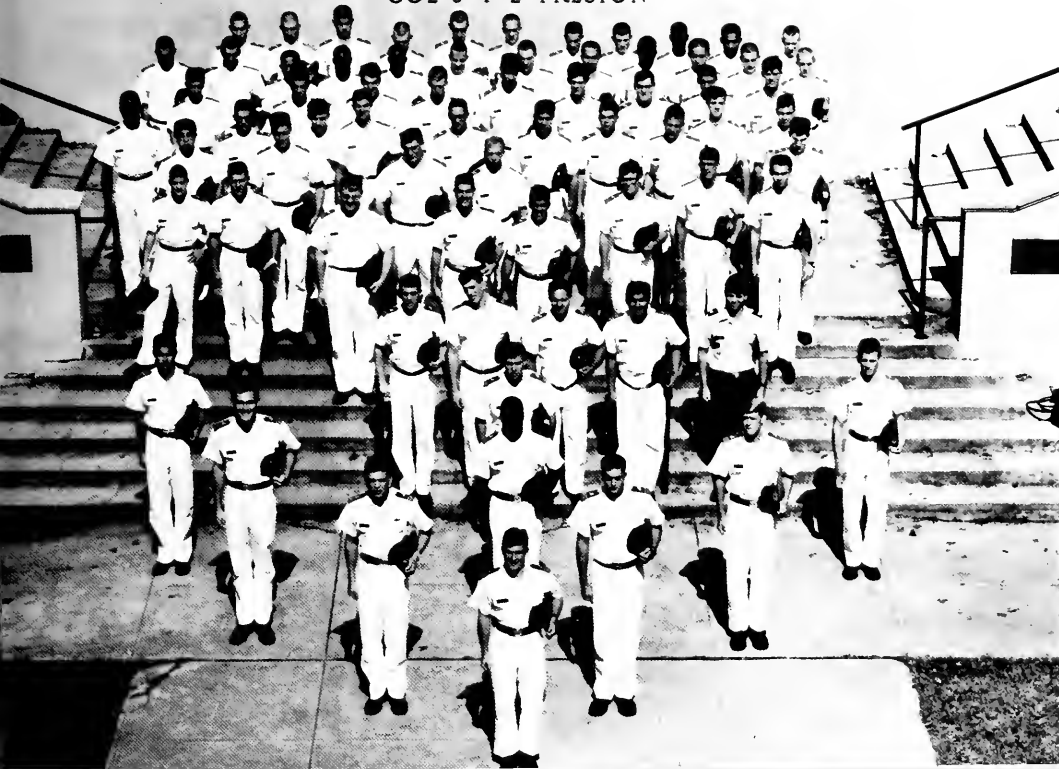


Band Company First Class Privates: Seated, Angelo Biviano; Front Row, T.J. Williams, Jose Corpuz, John Brethour; Back Row, Zeke Moore, Lowell Wil-son



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Executive Officer



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Seaborn J. Whatley  
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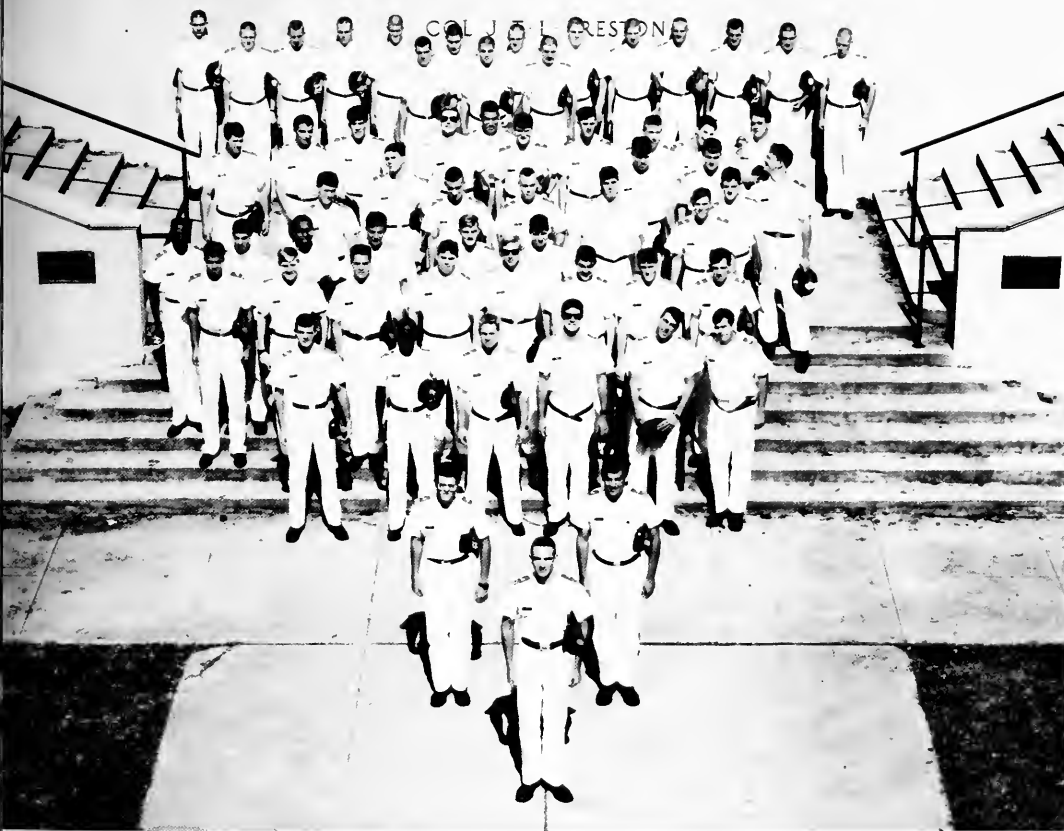
Stephen J. Simulcik  
Guideon



Alpha Company First Class Privates: Seated, Mack Carr; Front Row, Mike Harting, Rob White, Ned Cox, Rich Sparks, Dave Martin, Steve Chiles, Davin Ruohomaki, Sean Halberg; Back Row, Tom Marshall supporting Steve Simulcik



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Executive Officer



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Platoon Leader

Daniel Schnock  
Platoon Leader



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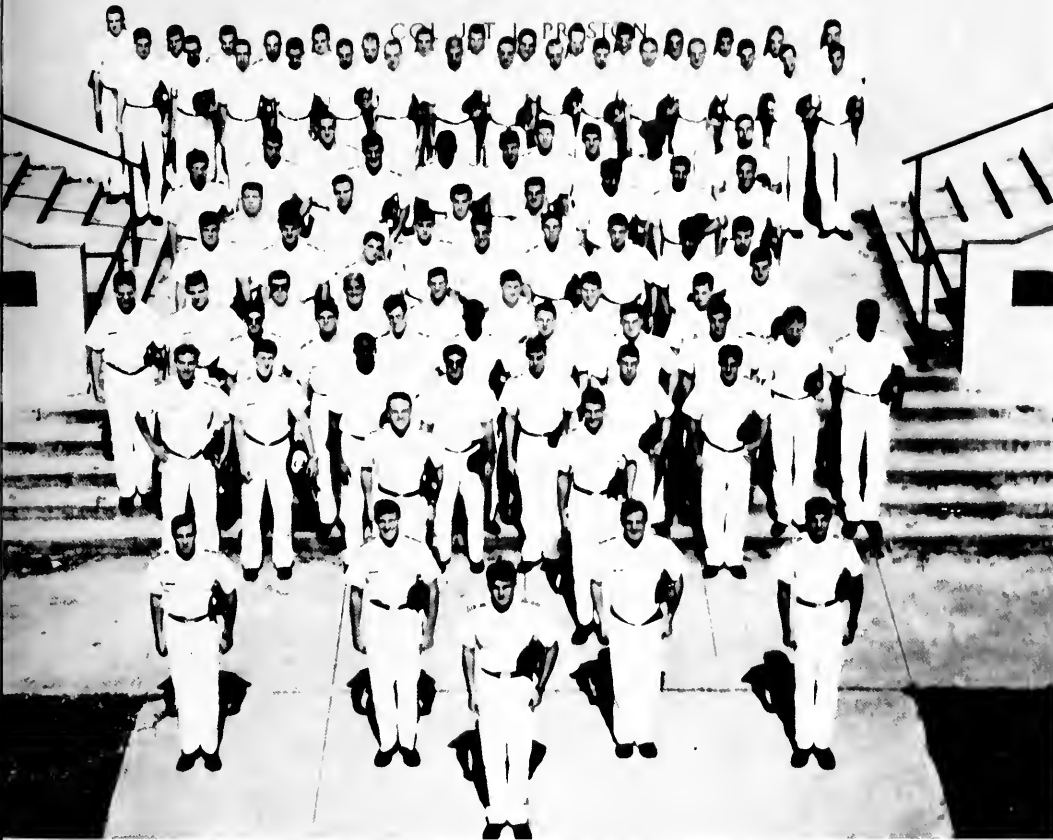


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vates: Front Row,  
Mark Wishart,  
Steve Rankine,  
Tom Shelton, John  
Banigan, John  
Paul, Mitch Frid-  
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Mike Sullivan,  
Chris Krenzle,  
Tom Jernigan; On  
Top, Sean Dooley



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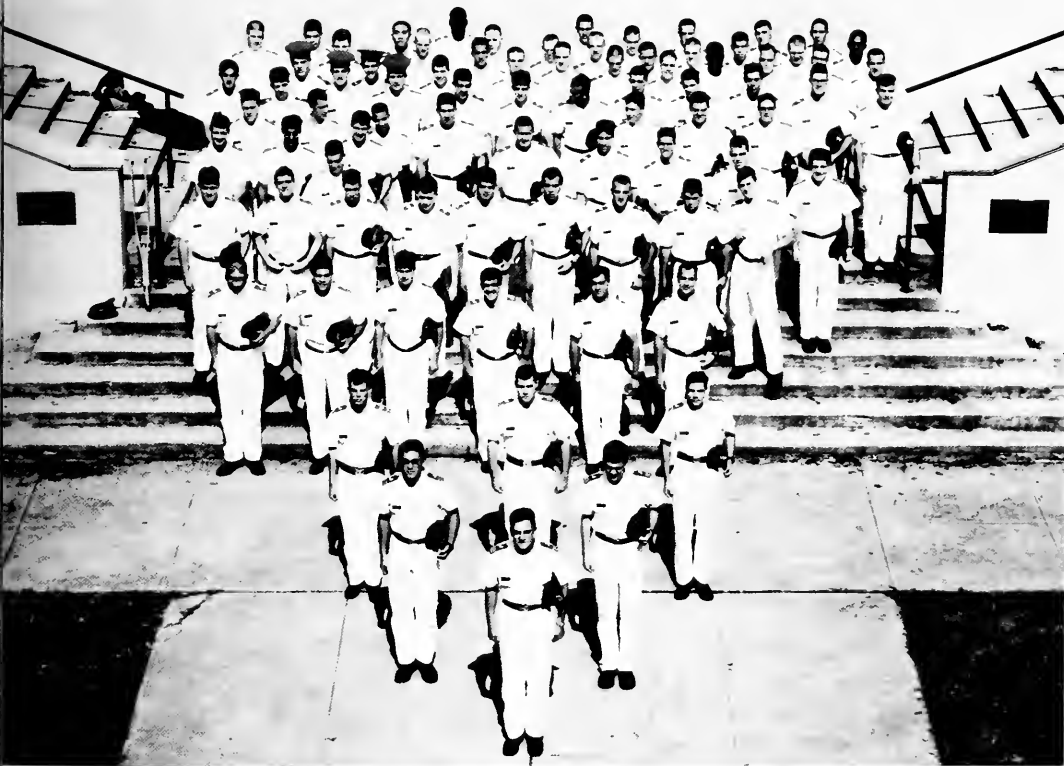
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Company Commander

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Executive Officer



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Platoon Leader

Jihn-Khan Lu  
Platoon Leader

George P. Raiford  
Platoon Leader



Stefan Knieling  
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J. Daniel Caine  
Operations Sergeant

John D. Weich  
Master Sergeant

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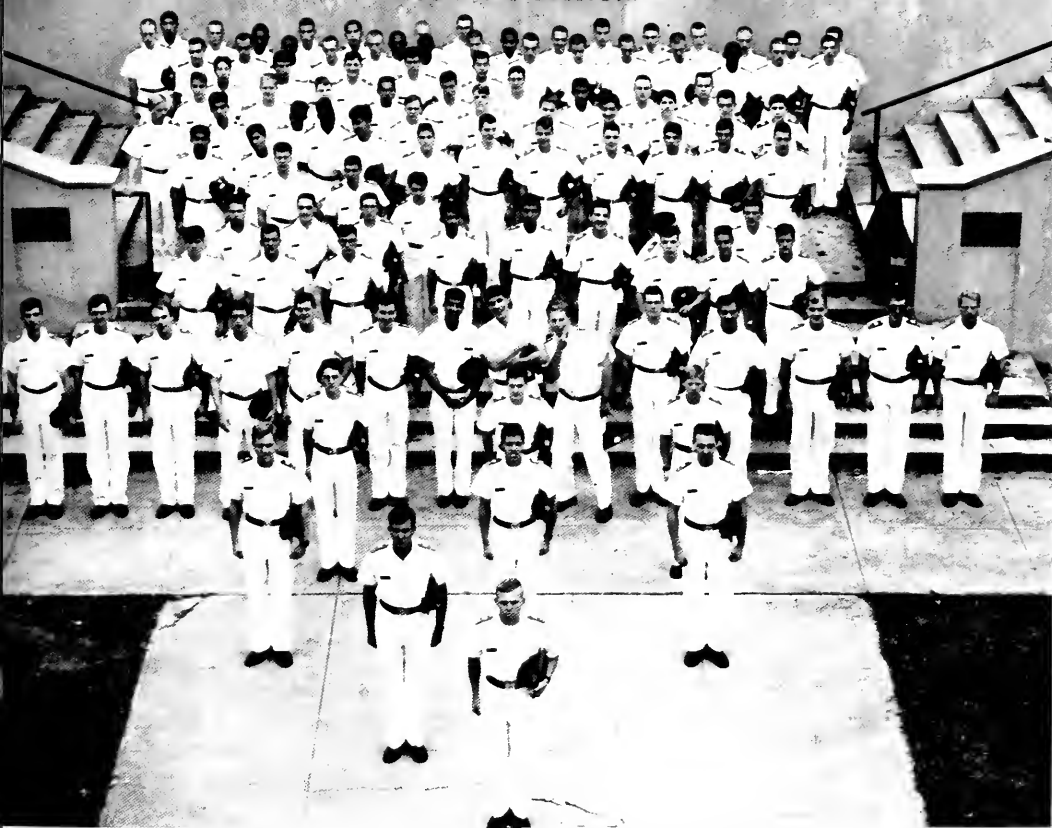


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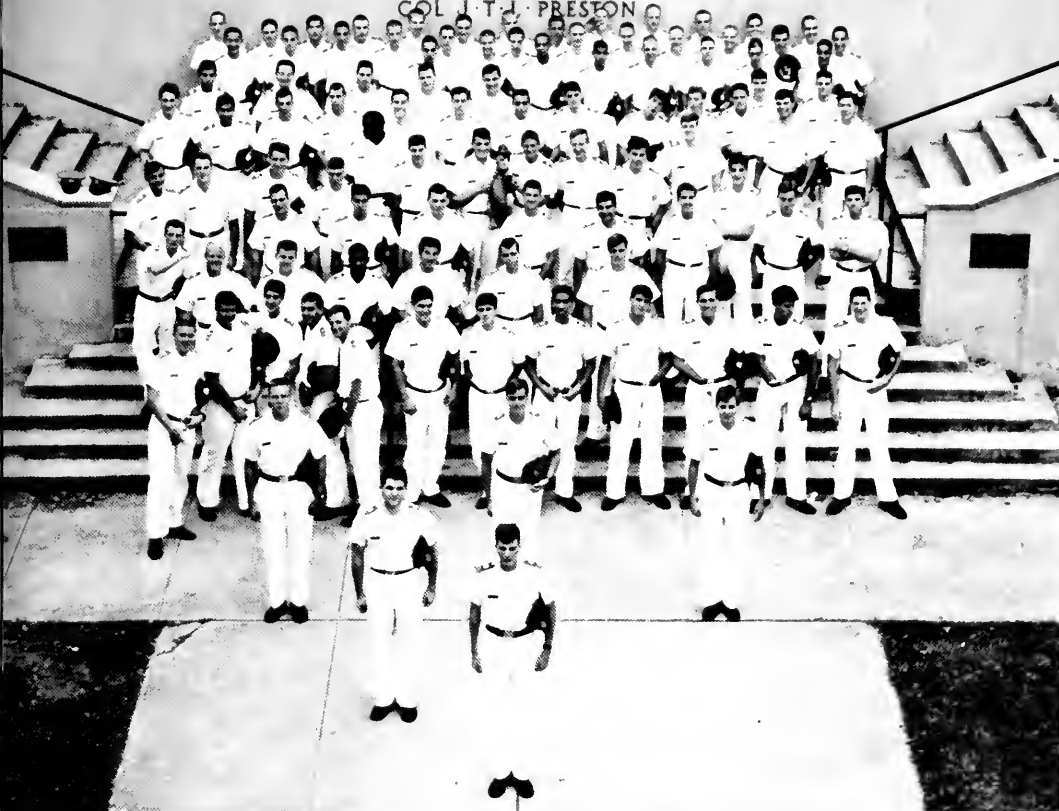


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# Golf Company

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Company Commander

Jon M. Jacobs  
Executive Officer



Gerald N. Dameron  
Platoon Leader

Quinn P. Donovan  
Platoon Leader

Daniel M. McClintock  
Platoon Leader



Todd J. Jacobs  
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Michael P. Dunleavy  
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Yuh-Loong Tarn  
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Thomas F. Moore  
Executive Officer



Patrick J.W. Becker  
Platoon Leader

Samuel B. Callejo  
Platoon Leader

Stephen E. Druiitt  
Platoon Leader



Scott E. Mead  
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Neal D. Whitmore  
Operations Sergeant

Andrew T. Mergens  
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William H. Bain  
Guideon



Hotel Company First Class Privates: Front Row, Guy Gormley, Marc Littlecott, Gary Sibayan, Denis Schmit, Kevin Leamy, Mike Bilinuis, Frank Campion, Steve Joern; Back Row, Rob Gates, Heath Bain, Ashley Fairchild, Jason Gray



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Executive Officer



Thomas B. Inge  
Platoon Leader

Lennon Mings  
Platoon Leader

Allan R. Stoneman  
Platoon Leader



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Ross D. Fitzhugh  
Master Sergeant

Steven W. Stafford  
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# The Honor Court

What every VMI cadet cherishes more than anything is his sense of personal honor. To have people respect you because what you say is the truth is in itself an honor. However, earning this respect did not come easy. Living in an environment where there are no locks on doors and one can leave money in the open and it will still be there if they leave is a very special environment indeed. In this environment, to live by the Honor Code that A CADET DOES NOT LIE, STEAL, CHEAT, NOR TOLERATE THOSE WHO DO is not so easy. To enforce the Honor Code and Honor System is up to the Honor Court.

The Honor Court is a body of well-respected cadets that have been chosen by their peers to enforce and interpret the Honor System. There are sixteen members of the Court which include ten First Classmen and six Second Classmen. There is a president who heads the court and two prosecutors who bring up any honor violations. There are two senior voting members that sit on the court. The Second Class representatives act as assistant prosecutors and help the prosecutors in investigations.

Being a cadet at VMI or just being affiliated with it people know that one's word is the truth, the absolute truth. No one will challenge a cadet's word because they know of the strict

Honor System that the cadets administer among themselves, because the Honor System goes beyond the walls of the institute.

When a cadet first starts out as a Rat, his is first introduced to the Honor System the hard way. Either being told that if he doesn't uphold the Honor System, he will be dismissed in shame or by experiencing the dismissal of another cadet by a

"drum out" will cause a Rat to respect the Honor Code out of fear a cadet lives through the rest of his experiences at VMI, the fear to not be into respect and just becomes a part of simple life. This is where the Honor System succeeds in its mission to produce honorable and noble young men.



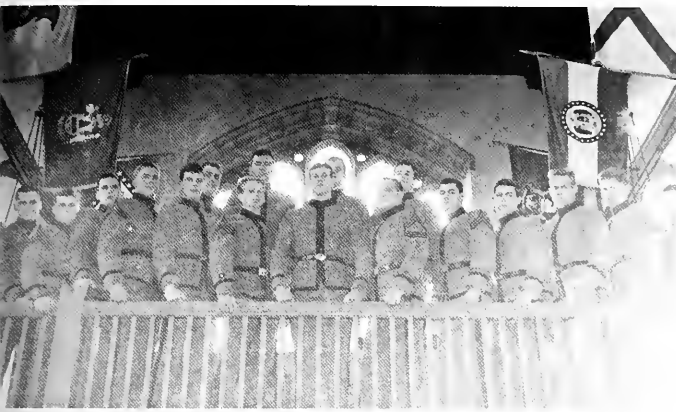
(Above) Front Row: Matthew A. Tederick Prosecutor, John C. Gregory President, Brian P. Prosecutor; Back Row: Paul R. Canada Senior Voting Member, Raphael S. Barsamian President, J. Coleman Lawrence Senior Voting Member.

(Below) 1988-89 Honor Court: Christopher K. Bish, Nathaniel L. Cross, Neal A. Helmer, David Darden, Paul R. Canada, Matthew A. Tederick, Raphael S. Barsamian, John C. Gregory, P. Duffy, J. Coleman Lawrence, William H. Crone, Thomas Curran, Anthony L. Baker, Peter Tunnard, Terrence W. Kerner, Charles E. Ellis





# The Rat Development Committee



1988-89 Rat Development Committee: Front Row, Peter Finan, Silviu Bora, Ian Dolan, Laborn, Rob Campbell, Steven Breheny, Edward Herrington, Ken Krynski, Fred Smith, Sullivan, Tom Jernigan, Davin Rhoymaki, Ross Fitzhugh, Todd Eckloff; Back Row, Camplon, Ed Wetherall, Tony Lake, Greg Rougeau

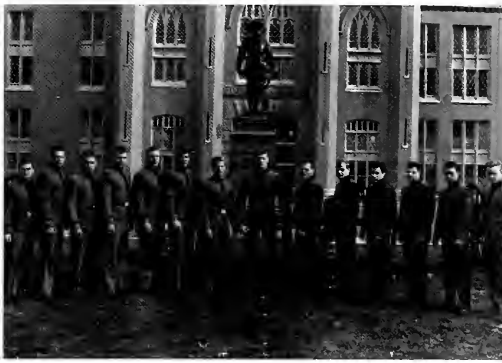


Fortunate Rat at the RDC, wearing white socks!? Ken Krynski is probably wondering, as everybody, why. Who knows? Maybe he is sporting a new line of Corps fashion wear.

The Ratline. The most challenging period of time during a cadet's time at VMI, if not the most challenging thing in life. The purpose of the Ratline is to install into the Rat a sense of personal pride, honor, but most of all, to bring unity.

The members of the Rat Development Committee are those chosen by the First Class to enforce the strict rules, restrictions, and standards of the Ratline. Rats that don't know pertinent information that is supplied in the Bullet, are sent before the RDC to receive a penalty usually comprising of Rat Tours, an hour of straining along the stoops. Going up to the RDC is not a pleasant experience. Straining for a good while before you enter a room that is full of very unfriendly people tend to put a Rat into an anxiety attack and regret what he has done wrong.

The RDC is comprised of twelve members of the First Class, representing each company. There are Second Classmen who are also on the RDC and their job was to supervise Rat Tours as well as preparing rats in the pretrial area.



First Class members of the RDC. Ken Krynski, middle, President, Edward Herrington, seventh from left, secretary, and Fred Smith, sixth from right, Vice — President.

# The General Committee

## Of the Corps, by the Corps, and for the Corps

The Corps of Cadets has two main bodies of government. The one that is frequently noticed is the military body. The one that is infrequently known to outsiders but known and respected by all VMI men is class system. The General Committee is the body that governs the conduct of Corps as well as enforces the privileges.

The G.C. is composed of class officers of the upper three classes. The class officers are elected by their respect classes

and are elected to fill the positions of president, vice-president, and historian. These positions are permanent unless if the cadet leaves or if he fails a vote of confidence by his classmates. When these class officers become First Classmen, they are senior members with the president acting as president of the committee.

The primary function of the G.C. is to enforce privileges that are given to each individual class. As a class advances in seniority with the passing of each year, the class assumes privileges that are unique to them while retaining the privileges that they had earned in the past. When an upperclassman assumes one of the penalties of an upperclassman, he is

sent to the General Committee for punishment. Additionally, the committee exists to maintain the favorable image of the Corps in the public's eye. Any action that reflects an unfavorable action brings shame to the institute is brought before the committee. The penalty depends upon the severity of offense in regard to general discredit of the Corps.

By serving as the governing body in barracks, the General Committee provides guidelines and leadership that the Corps is able to follow and thus contribute significantly to the enhancement of the Institute.



The 1988-89 General Committee; Front Row: Timothy Finkler, Edwin C. Cox, and R. Kevin Jones. Back Row: Andrew England, Finny Coleman, C. Plageman, Daniel Joseph, Marshall Bridges and Robert Cole.

# The Officers of the Guard Association

## Protecting the Interests of the Corps

The Officer of the Guard Association is considered one of the most important jobs of cadets on post. They act as the backbone of corps in that they are involved in matters that deal only with the interests of cadets. The OGA is made up of First Class Privates elected from each company. The primary purpose of the OGA is to work with the members of the General Committee as investigators of various infractions of GC policies.

When a case comes before the GC that is serious or questionable in nature, the President of the GC will call upon the OGA to start an investigation in the matter. One of the company representatives will be chosen to lead in the investigation. He will try and collect written statements of the parties involved in the case. After all the investigating is done,

the investigator will submit his findings and as well as a recommendation to the GC president.

Another role of the OGA is to act as an intermediary between the corps and the administration. If a cadet receives a penalty from the Commandant that he thinks is unfair, the OGA will bring it before the Commandant's Office in order to either reduce the penalty or have it removed. They also stand up for the corps when it comes to any unnecessary policy changes that may endanger the communications between the corps and the administration.

The OGA is a very essential and important part of the everyday relations between the corps and the administration. Without their help, the corps of cadets wouldn't have anyone that will stand up and deal with the administration.

1988-89 Officer of the Guard Representatives:  
Front Row: Jon Davis, Sean Dooley, Tom Curran  
Secretary, Andy Tunnard President, Jay Lawson,  
Scott Leonard, and John Adametz; Back Row: Paul  
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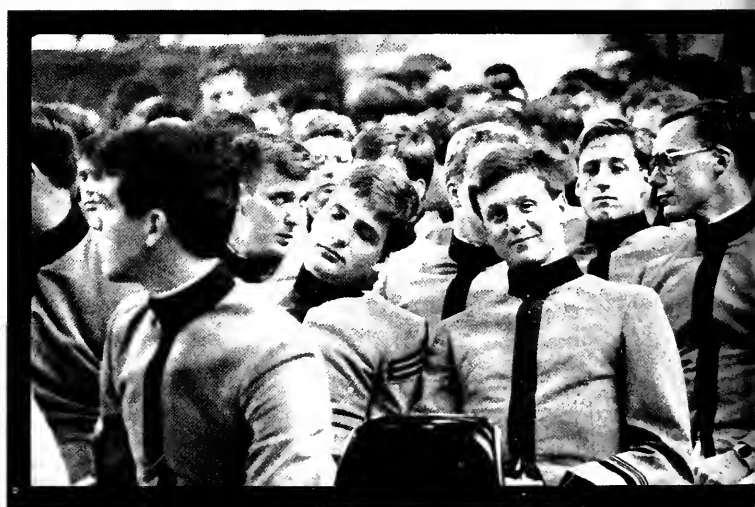




Classes



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# THE CLASS OF 1989

Class Officers: Ned Cox — President, Kevin Jones — Vice President, [unclear] — Historian.

Brother Rats, we have been through a lot these past four years. We have grown in knowledge, maturity and experiences during our journey through life. Each one of us had their own share of misery and triumph, all of it leading to one thing. We can say, "We are the class of the sesquicentennial year at the Virginia Military Institute. We are the Class of 1989!"

On August 21, 1985, several hundred of us, eager high school graduates, came to the "I" to begin their education. We were being led through lines and past us by smiling, friendly cadre, who told us to walk down that runway and stand... Hell, better known as Cadre. None of us will ever forget the first of those seven days of learning what it is to be a Rat. We learned to march and memorized our Rat Bibles, learned about the Honor system and a million other things. Eventually classes started and we went down to studies and learning to be a class and a VMI cadet. The Hops, the Weekend, Football and Basketball games all gave relief from the daily routine. We began to show our readiness to be a class with such events as our very first and last, 0400 stadium class meeting and throwing out of all the class of 1989. Finally, after innumerable workouts and pushups, we made it: KICKOUT!! On March 3, 1986, we became the Class of 1989.

Our Third class year we took on new responsibilities as Corporals and Cadre and a new Ratline set in: the academic one. We organized the TCFC to raise money for Ring Figure and began running our ring. We enjoyed the privileges of being upperclassmen and the joys of being thirds. We proved our spirit wasn't left on breakout hill by the unity and such incidents as the limited

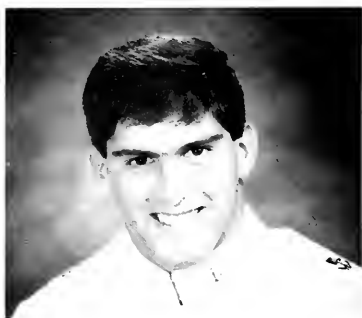
police action on Phi Psi. We finished the year fewer in number but eagerly awaiting what came next.

During the Second class year we took on even more responsibility as Sergeants actually helping run the companies and administering the Ratline. We now held positions on the Rat Council and the Honor Court as we prepared to take over those organizations. All this paled in importance as we prepared for the second highlight of our cadetship: RING FIGURE! Hours of work by the Ring Figure Committee, TCFC, the Class officers, and BRs who all gave up valuable time finally paid off. On November 20, 1987, we joined the Brotherhood of the Ring. We're still paying for the party afterwards. In the Spring we all prepared for our Summer military training while others took this opportunity to study abroad and we all prepared to lead the Corps next year.

First class year, we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. We lead the Corps and with this great responsibility comes great privileges. We can own cars, FCP, days, and now have the dykes of 89+3 to show the ropes and carry on our legacy. We are in charge of the Honor Court and, in theory, the Ratline and Corps of Cadets. We are all deep in our majors and working to finish our degrees. We give serious thought to our plans and what we need to prepare for the future. We have developed strong ties to each other and strong emotions to the "I". Like our dykes before us we are a rowdy class as we proved this year with our First Class "Step on" and our willingness to make the ultimate sacrifice to back our leadership. It has been a long, hard four years but we will join the ranks of the elite, the VMI Alumni, the VMI men, as the CLASS OF 1989.







**John Joseph Adametz**

Ogre, JJ, Chi-Chi  
Navy-Mechanical Engineering  
Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania

Football 4,3,2,1; Officer of the Guard Assoc. 1; Cadet Recreation Committee Treasurer/Secretary 2, President 1; ASME 4,3,2,1; FCA 4,3,2,1; Monogram Club 3,2,1; Guide Sergeant 2.

When I first look back on everything that has happened to me since I've been at VMI, it seems as though my whole life has been spent here. When I look back again, it still seems as though my whole life has been spent here. Four years ago, I would have never believed it would go so fast. I think about the time I've spent here, and it all seems to blend together. There have been so many people along the way that have given me the strength, courage, and opportunity to be successful, I would not know who to thank first. So for all of you, this BUD'S for you! (Help Recieved: Anheiser-Busch just kidding)

To my Mom and Dad. Thank You for always being there; you are the greatest! To my roommates Joe, Dan, and Bill, I couldn't have asked for better friends. Who else could have put up with me for so long so long? To Karen, thank you for making my life full with love and happiness, I love you! To my dykes, Neil and Chris, thanks for everything and good luck. I would like to thank everyone for laughing at my jokes, you guys really know know good humor when you here it.

I've always said that if I had to do it all over again, I would've never come to VMI, but now that it's all over, I probably would. GOOD LUCK VMI FOOTBALL 1989 GO BIG RED!

DYKES — 1986 Roy Woolwine  
— 1992 Chris Keever, Neil Lineberry



**Seth David G. Ainspac**

Sethpax, Seffer  
U.S. Marine Corps-History  
Lambertville, New Jersey

Pvt 4; Corporal, 3; First Sergeant 2; Charlie Company Commander 1; Rat Training 2,1; Semper Fi Society 3,2,1; Anti-Clement 4,3,2,1; Temple Redeemer 2; Booze Cruze 4,3,2.

Who knew four years ago that I'd be this now? I had never heard of this place much less thought of coming. Here I am now for better or worse. The years have passed, some quickly, some slowly, and we have endured. Each in our own way.

Mom and Tom, you killed a car coming down here over the years. I fully appreciate your sometimes over enthusiastic (coasters??) support. My thanks will be complete in May when I walk away from here.

Betsy, you have stood by my side since Third Class year, and have dealt with the petty rules. From Game Sticks to shortened summers you have patiently waited for me to finish. (One prison to another??) We'll see.

It has been rewarding, not necessarily fun.

DYKES — 1985 Chris J. Wolf  
— 1992 Jeff J. Eget



**Robert William Alder**

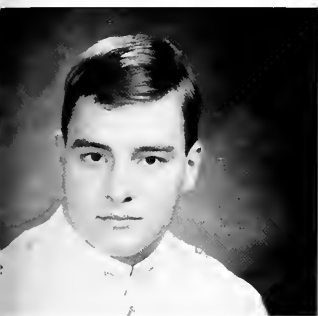
U.S.M.C.-Math  
Mountainside, New Jersey

Cpl 3; Sgt/Master Sgt 2; Pvt 1; Cadre 2; 2; Illegal Car Club 3,2; 1988-89 Meats Social Club of Cocke Hall; GET BIG.

Fi ally, my time here at VMI is coming to end. Looking back on it, I realize that it was by rather quickly. I feel strongly my time was not wasted, as the benefits gained from this are well worth the effort expended. I would like to thank my family for all the support, time, and advice they have always given me. I am also grateful to my roommate. R you have made my time here much more enjoyable. We have spent a great deal of time together and even though I have had to go around the room more than a few times, I am glad we were roommates. Finally I would like to thank you, Lauren. For four years you tolerated me and all the restrictions I placed upon our relationship by this school. You never failed me throughout all this time. I greatly appreciate everything you have done for me. You have supported me in every way possible and listened to my every complaint and problem with a great amount of patience. Thank you for all you have done.

DYKES — 1986 Glenn Phillips  
— 1992 Marshall Geyer





Erick Edward Ames

AmesDog, The Milkman  
Army-Electrical Engineering  
Richmond, Virginia

estling 4,3,2, Captain 1; Cpl. 3, Sgt. 2, Pvt.  
Engineering Honor Society 2, Treasurer 1;  
E 2, 1; Zoo 2; W&L Parking Club 4,3,2;  
Summer School 3; Wiffleball 1; Eta Kappa Nu.



Henry John Amato Jr.

Hank, Pig, Spank  
Army-History  
Mullica Hill, New Jersey

VMI Tolerators Club 4,3,2,1; Unauthorized  
Car 3,2, Marshall Library Staff 3,2,1; Lejeune  
Hall Staff 3,2,1; Wrestling 1; Cadet Battery  
21; Waiters 1; Mooch 4,3,2,1; Corporal, Plt  
Sgt, Regimental S-4 Lt.



Charles Anderson Jr.

Charlie, Grace, Pepper  
Air Force-Economics  
Chesapeake, Virginia

Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Cpt 1; Promaji 4,3,2,1, Pres 1;  
Glee Club 4; Debate 4; Arnold Air 4; Newman  
Club 4; Pre-law 4.

unlike most other cadets, I didn't come to  
VMI for its distinct reputation nor out of plain  
prance. No, the real reason I came to VMI  
simply curiosity. My brother was a mem-  
ber of '85 and I remember visiting him and  
pondering what life was like inside those con-  
fines of VMI. So never let yourself be  
convinced that curiosity killed some stupid cat. I  
manage to have my share of adventures  
over the last four years. There was the time I lost  
my car at UVA and many other roadtrips.  
I could never forget that night with J.P.  
Fred in Leningrad when we had a little  
fun in the KGB. I discovered somewhere  
along the way that it wasn't the party that was  
it was the people who were fun. I guess  
that's the most important thing I should do  
thank a few of the many people who helped  
along the way. Thanks Mom and Dad for  
being here and at the matches. You really  
are these years more bearable for me. I'd  
like to thank the scholarship committee  
for the Camp Scholarship. Ken, we made the  
team and thanks for losing all those games.  
Finally, I'd like to give the faculty their due  
credit. At times they had to deal with drow-  
ns and apathy but they never gave up.

Steve, we've been through it all together-I've  
never had a more loyal friend; Brian Shotto VMI  
just isn't the same anymore, good luck and keep  
in touch.

Pig, good luck in whatever you do. Bu-Fu &  
Schnozle you've made first class year enjoyable.  
Bob & Alan; Devon & Pylon; Chris & Pete; Bird;  
Turtle; and Clown; Best of luck to all those whose  
rooms I annexed. Mom & Dad, Carl & Mark,  
Tutu, Aunt Pat & Pop-Pop, thanks for the love  
and support. Dad thanks for pushing me when I  
needed it. I just wanted to make you and Mom  
proud. Mom-Mom I wish you could have been  
here to see me make it. Mom & Dad Campbell, I  
love you both very much and appreciate ever-  
thing.

Karen, you are truly my best friend and I love  
you with all my heart. You've given me the hope  
and inspiration to make it through it all. I'll be  
the proudest man in the world to call you my wife.

Go get'm Rich, Dusty, Jon, Don, Dave & Der-  
rick. Drew-follow your nose, it always knows.  
Tony stop sleeping in your car, Mike & Brett,  
remember the 210 MPH Mustang. Steve don't  
lose sight of the most important thing: M-O-N-E-  
Y! Legend, best of luck, hang in there.

God bless all of you!!  
"It was the best of times, it was the worst of  
times."

— Charles Dickens

DYKES-1985 Mike Jernigan  
— 1992 Randy Hale

DYKES-1986 George Varlas  
— 1992 Dusty Loughhead

DYKES-1986 Marty Mason  
— 1992 Steve Pitts, Scott Francis





**Mathew Joseph Ans**

Heat-Mizer, Stinky, Geek  
Civil Engineering-Marine Corps  
Parkersburg, West Virginia

Swimming 4,3,2,1; Captain 1; Viking 1; Waterpolo 2,1; SCFA Society 3,2,1; BH Parties 3,2,1; SBC Night School 3,2; BFH Social Committee 2,1; Inebriated Hiking Club (founder) 3; Academically Relinquished 4,3,2,1.

Well, the fat lady has finally sung, and after four years here she's not looking too bad. I guess I should give credit where it's due. Mom and Dad, I thank you for keeping my spirits up and my food box filled. The typed letters and the rebates helped me laugh a little bit which means a lot here. Anna, thanks for the week-ends at Tech. You're OK for a Hokie. Finally Christine, I don't know what I would have done without you. I thought that nothing good could come from a false start. I hope that I can repay you for all the effort our relationship has demanded. I'd like to take this time to make a toast — To the Vikings. Here's to us and those like us! We may not have been National champs, but we looked good. I'll miss the workouts and the bitch sessions. Tom, Todd and Derek I'll miss sharing a shoe box of a room with you all. Thanks for helping me laugh at PT's, confinement, and all VMI good deals in general. John, take care and relax a little you'll do fine. Thanks for all your support and advice.

I can't think of a funny or thought provoking quote to end this literary farce. Maybe I'll just ride off into the sunset with my best girl on my horse. Picture fades, music picks up. Good Bye VMI Good Luck.

**DYKES-1986 Clayton Thomas**  
— 1992 Greg "Muffy" Robinson



**George T. Armbruster Jr.**

Mutt  
Army-Economics  
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Baseball 4,3,2,1; English Society; Firefighter; Young Republicans; Horseman; Virgin Private; Muddball Five; Ghetto Warrior; Number One Club; Enforcer.

To start out with being sentenced to approximately two years confinement isn't too bad. Thanks a whole helluva lot you fine Institute officials.

Mom, Eric and Brad, I don't think I could have ever made it out of here without my families help. You all helped me out when I needed it the most.

To the boys of 142,  
The time has come to go in our own direction. However I can still see Gordo there standing with an erec. Rem will be the first to marry playing the Richmond Conservative roll. Dave is at some strip bar talking about bung. Slob you're still in our eyes the filthiest human to exist. You took everyone's underwear. Fellows I'm going to miss you all.

To the rest of the Horsemen, I'm really going to miss my birthday beatings, especially from Andrew and the Christian Soldier. Maybe someday the Pervert boys will want a rematch with the Ghetto Warriors.

By the way Ramos, make more friends, loser.

**DYKES-1986 Robby Ramos**  
— 1992 John Charles



**William Heath Bain**

Amos, Swamprat, Deerslay  
Air Force-English  
Waverly, Virginia

Country Boy 4,3,2,1; Square Root CL Hop and Floor 4,3,2; SS 4,2; Martial 2,2,1; IHTFP 4,3,2,1; Hotel Co. Guide Virgin Private 4,3,2,1; Outrage 1; Ring 1; Decorating Committee 2; Crawfordian fusion 2,1; State Cadetship.

I have seen more than I can ever tell things I never dreamed I would (and I never want to feel again); and most importantly I have learned that the best and experiences in life can never be adequately explained with words. Mom and Pop: I thank you enough. Your love gave me your values gave me will, your support I stumbled gave me strength, and your love gave me determination. I hope that I been worthy of your sacrifice.

What else to say? It hasn't always been but it hasn't always been bad. I wouldn't the experience for anything, and crazy as I'd probably do it again. Those of you were a friend; Take care, keep in touch always remember the good times.

If I leave here tomorrow would you still remember me? I must be travelling on now 'cause there's too many places I've got to I'm as free as a bird now And this bird you'll never change.

Ronnie Van Zant  
Will I live tomorrow? Well I just can't say  
Will I live tomorrow? Well I just can't say  
But I know for sure-I don't live today.  
Jimi Hendrix

**DYKES-1986 Sam "Purple" Hagg**  
— 1992 Jon Huggins





Randolph Liu Ralph Baca

Chewy  
Army-History  
Misawa A.B., Japan

4; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Pvt 1; Newman Club Vice  
President 2; President 1; Timmons Music So-  
ciety 2,1; Rugby 3,2,1; Airborne 3; Study  
Club 1.

st and foremost I would like to give  
thanks to God and my family. In particular  
thanks to my mother, father, and  
brother. Also, "Kudos" to my Brother  
Dyke and other friends outside VMI, best  
friend.

have no sage words of wisdom to give at  
this time, but I am very proud, at the same  
time, humbled to have made it. One thing I  
learned is that time passes and my time  
is finished.

I leave the Institute now, not knowing  
what the real world has in store for me, but  
I am confident it will be out. Oh, what a wonderful  
life it will be!

DYKES-1986 David Young  
— 1992 James Blakenship



Thomas Daniel Baker

"Don Juan"  
Option?-English  
Richmond, Virginia

Wrestling 4; Rugby 3; Boxing 3; Spain Hiatus  
2; Investment Club 3; English Society 2,1;  
Dive Club 1; Richmond Marathon 1.

After passing the PFT as a rat I realized I was  
on my way to becoming a man; The rest of the  
story is history. "VMI where the men are men  
and the sheep are scared, ah the school I know  
and love." In August '85 the virginity was lost as I  
entered the "I". That culture shock along, with  
an endless list of unique experiences which have  
been generated from here, has provided me an  
awesome opportunity of growth and change. I  
always came back and this I owe greatly to my  
friends. I'll never stop being grateful to my fam-  
ily. Kim, Bob, David, Biff, Zip, Mom and Capt.  
Bill-Hey, who loves y'a-Mom, the endless calls of  
turmoil, growing pains, finances, etc. Dad, the  
many weekends of escape to DC. Billy and Mary  
Taylor-three drunk idiots lying in the middle of  
the Parade deck — I love you all. To my room-  
mates past-Justin, you are and shall always be  
yourself and Charles, I hear there is still a stoopie  
job available. Jump and Pat, I'll never get far  
enough away from you guys. To Chris, Don Jr.  
relaxation is the key to long life. I should know.  
HA! Buen suert, amigo. Hope, going on five years  
of somewhere b/w pre-engagement and never  
seeing each other again. I don't know how or why  
but I'm glad you did-my heart goes to you. In  
closing, I'd like to take a moment to recognize my  
Grandparents Thomas Macrae Taylor and Mary  
Taylor (Nana and Taytay) who I miss dearly.

DYKES-1986 Gordon Mckinley  
— 1992 Chris Smith



John Sigfrid Banigan

Lamb Chop, Scarecrow  
Navy-Physics  
Mountain Lakes, New Jersey

Lacrosse, Photography, Biking, Sailing, Driv-  
ing

Brother Brother Rat ... I'm night, he's day  
... AH dude ... salt and pepper ... Diddle-y-  
dee and Diddle-y-dumb ... bullsh- ... My  
joy/my TR ... Jetta ... Chi Psi ... No, but  
she's different ... Rubber Quack and f-ing  
duck Dykel ... Wahoo ... Pi Kappa Phi at  
Villanova ... Bam Bam Banigan ... Punch  
who? Not me! ... Double zeros ... Sweet Sa-  
rah and all the rest ... My benefactor who's  
running tabs on me ... Pat's care packages, no  
comment ... Break Out 3/3/86 ... Beak's  
rock and my pole ... Rumsey/Deltas ... How  
many is that? 20! No zero! ... Ah Dude, where  
were you ... 435/300/268/168 ... Damn  
Greek ... Motion of what ocean in what ca-  
noe? ... Joey ... Todd A ... Sully ... Trash d  
— =Mike C ... Not another injury! ... Uncle  
Fester ... Beer bong ... Booger Bottles ...  
Shotgun ... Resident lush ... Ski Slopes ...  
Fun Bunch ... Brother Duke = Mike and  
Tommy ... Cruise the parkway ... Pig roasts  
for first dates ... Damn Physics Geeks ...  
North Carolina SPS conference or was it a  
bachelor party? ... AHHHH ... Alta's garage  
... Biking to the Bush ... VMI-JSB ... I  
finally got a brain ... Knock on wood ... My  
college experience in just a few words ...  
I'll think for the memories and being a part of  
my life ...

DYKES-1986 Marty "Suds" Mason  
— 1992 Dan Shipley, Jason Thompson





**Michael Hugh Banigan**

Brother Duke, Doc, The Tin Man  
Special Student-English  
Mountain Lakes, New Jersey

Illegal Car Club 3,2 HMWHC

ZZZ — Z—ZZ — Z—Z — Z—Z — Z  
Z—Z — ZZZ — Z—ZZ — Z—ZZZ — Z  
ZZ — Z—Z — Z—ZZ — Z—Z—Z — ZZZ  
Z—Z — Z—Z — ZZ — Z—Z — ZZZ — Z—Z —  
ZZZ

So sinks the mind in deep despair  
And sight grows dim; when storms of life  
Blow surging up the weight of care,  
It banishes its inward light  
And turns in trust to the dark without.  
This was the man who once was free  
To climb the sky with zeal devout  
To contemplate the crimson sun,  
The frozen fairness of the moon —  
Astronomers once used in joy  
To comprehend and to commune  
With the planets on their wandering ways.  
This man, this man sought out the source of  
storms  
Of storms that roar and rouse the seas;  
The spirit that rotates the world,  
The cause that translocates the sun  
From shining East to watery West;  
He sought the reason why spring hours  
Are mild with flowers manifest,  
And who enriched with swelling grapes  
Ripe autumn at the full of the year.  
Now see that mind that searched and made  
All nature's hidden secrets clear  
Lie prostrate prisoner of night.  
His neck bends low in shackles thrust,  
And he is forced beneath the weight  
To contemplate the lowly dust.  
—Boethius

DYKES-1986 Steve Grzeszczak  
— 1992 Bill "The Weasel" Harris



**Timothy Troy Barbour**

Army-Electrical Engineering  
Richmond, Va.

Rat 4; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; 2nd Bat. S-5 1; IEEE  
Member 2,1; Treasurer 1; Rat Training 1;  
Late Study Club 3,2,1; Summer School Club  
3,2; Spook Bellhop 2,1; Graveyard Crew 2,1.

As I sit down to write this two things come to  
mind. The first is that I can't believe that  
Graduation is so near. Secondly, I can't put all  
my views, ideas and memories of VMI in these  
paragraphs.

I must first thank my parents and my sister  
because without them I might not be here  
now. Lori, thanks for always being there for  
me. You mean so much to me. Tom, Booz and  
Sean, Thanks for making Third class year a  
good time (after parade parties). Bill and Al-  
lan-you guys were great roommates. Dwayne  
and Al, How we did it I'll never know. To all  
the fellas-names aren't necessary-you guys  
are great friends. Matt-we made it through 4  
years together. You are the closest friend I've  
got and I know our friendship will continue to  
grow. My First class history is dedicated to two  
people. Kenny-I still miss you. The Corps  
doesn't know what it missed. Dad-of all people  
who deserve to be here in May, it's you. With-  
out your advice, love and support I don't know  
what would've happened. I hope that one day  
I'll have the respect and admiration that so  
many people have for you. I LOVE YOU! I  
was never sure why I came here, but I'm glad.  
While here I've matured and learned that  
nothing good comes easy. And VMI wasn't  
easy. I'm glad it's over and I'm ready to move  
on.

DYKES-1986 Jon Moody  
— 1992 Marc Organ, John Locker



**Brian Keith Barnes**

Barney, Dooley  
Air Force-English  
Manassas, Virginia

Glee Club 4,3,2,1; Treasurer 2; Arno  
Society 4,3; Rack Monster Club 4,3,2,1;  
Singer and Guitarist 4,3,2,1.

Much has happened since August '84 wh  
helped me grow. There've been many  
people who've helped me in that growth  
feel I owe a great debt to many. So I'd like  
this space in recognition of this debt even i  
mushy for you outsiders.

First and foremost I want to thank my  
who has given me unwavering support a  
courage in every way. I would not be  
without you, Mom, especially for the love  
shown me throughout everything. Thank  
love you very much. I hope someday, son  
can repay you. Chris and Adam, thank  
just being around. I want to thank you My  
the support you've given me as well.

I'm extremely lucky to have such a cari  
ily, but I was blessed to have another fami  
back on. Thank you Dad, Nancy, Evan a  
tin for being there and for all your helpfu  
A special thanks to you Nancy for all th  
answered letters Rat year. They really pie  
up.

To all my BR's, I'll see you at the reunio  
good luck with Tanya. Dan, well... ju  
luck. Hope we can stay in contact. Se  
Frank-thanks for taking in this '88 refuge  
success in the future. Joel-Get those gra  
Last but not least-To Maria, my punki  
love you!

DYKES-1985 Dave White  
— 1992 Joel Schmidt





Michael Shnork Barsamian

Red, Rif  
Navy-English  
Richmond, Virginia

Court VP; English Society; Circle K;  
e.

to all that is all I can say  
going to miss the Den, fellas.  
Peace and Harmony  
very nice very nice very nice  
in the next world"

risay

S-1986 Roy Woolwine  
1992 John Kitchen, Garry Garrison



Donald Andrew Basden

Droop, Droopy, Drool, Drew  
Navy Aviation-Chemistry  
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Rugby 4,3; Rat Training 4,3,2,1; Cadre 3,2,1;  
Drumline 2,1; Late Night Drummer; Ranker  
3,2,1; Hollins Crew 3,2,1; Number 8.

The system has worked its hardest to twist and contort the rules to make us the men we must be. We, a small class of about 240, have proven ourselves over and over again that we must and can handle any responsibility given to us. Now comes the real test. The test most people take without the experience of a ratline, without a Tac Officer boning you senseless, without a coat hanger running your life, and without being afraid of a shaking pair of keys when you're just too drunk to wear your uniform back from a Wednesday night out on the town. There ain't nothing wrong with a little drinking. Ring Figure was fun, wasn't it? Our experiences from Hell make us a valuable commodity and success is only a matter of choice now. To all my Brother Rats I wish the best of luck with great sincerity and hope. Finally to the four people who have made my four years go by a little smoother than they might have otherwise, I give my love to my Dad, my Mom, and my sister, but mostly to Steph, who had to put up with almost as much VMI BS as we did. To all the guys of Apathy Central, best of luck, but then again who really gives a damn!

Good Luck Dan!!

DYKES-1985 Joseph Lee Rose  
— 1992 Daniel Joseph Lyle



Patrick John W. Becker

Pongo, Pung  
Navy-Civil Engineering  
Edonton, North Carolina

Pvt 4,3,2; Psuedo Lt. 1; Rugby 4,3,2,1; Co-Captain 2,1; GC Sec 1; ASCE 4,3,2,1.

There was a reason for VMI before I matriculated, but once I got here it was lost among all the petty BS that goes with the everyday life here under the gray cloud above Barracks. As of yet, I still can't rationalize my stay here at the Institute; However I can give two reasons for not leaving. First the CE Department showed me there was a light at the end of the tunnel. Second and most important are all the good boys in Ghetto and Pervert that made me laugh through all the hard times and laughed with me during the good ones. Also the Rugby Team, without y'all this place would have been an unending cycle of frustration. I want to especially thank Charles, Danny, Granger and Justin for making the unbearable bearable. Mom, Dad and Anne, I love you all. Thanks for being there when I fail to use my better judgement. A parting word for my dykes, first Brett Hayes. Thanks for teaching me well and showing me the lighter side. Second, a little advice for my dykes now. Don't ever think you've won this game until it's over because the Institute will always change the rules.

DYKES-1986 Brett Hayes  
— 1992 C. Taylor, P. O'Ferral

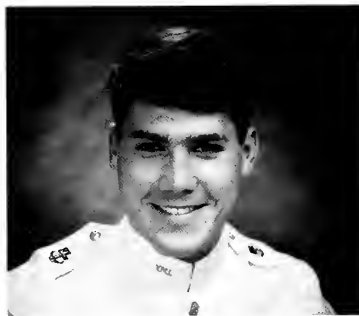




**Lloyd Noland Bell**

**Floyd  
Army-Biology  
Atlanta, Georgia**

Deans's List 4,2; Academically Distinguished 2; Cadre Corporal 3, Sgt 2, Lt 1; Air Assault; Bio Boy's Club 4,3,2; Illegal Car Club 3,2.



**Michael Roman Bilunas**

**Little Billy, Balloon-head  
Air Force-Economics  
Vienna, Virginia**

Pvt 1, Sgt 2, Cpl 3, Cadre Sgt 2; Arnold Air Society 4; Circle K 1; Pre-Law Society 1; College Republicans 1; Hop and Floor 1.



**William Tennent Bersi**

**Boff, Berf, Billy Beeel BB  
Army-Civil Engineering  
Virginia Beach, Virginia**

Corporal 3; Mst Sgt 2; Marine Corps Marathon 2; Treasurer Circle K Club 1; OCF; Karate Club; Captain Georges Su 4,3,2,1,1A

It's hard to believe the moment is nigh to write my class history and say bye to the "I". Four years have flown by and harsh memories fade, but the good times and friends make me glad I stayed.

The rat line was tough as a rat line should be, though I hated the workouts at the hands of the R.T. Our rat room 490 got all the attention due to Patnesky's good humor and poor rat bible retention. But the day finally came for the close of our line and we proved our class strenth in the mud and the grime. I returned the next summer feeling cocky and sure. The tough times were over and my future secure. But the organic Stanley and the biology Gup soon shattered my confidence and caused my brain to erupt. But despite the tough courses, I made it through thanks to my good buddies Ox, Dave, Jay, Scott, Todd, and of course Cephalu. But the time has come to get on with our life and leave this school of hard times and rough strife. Good luck brother rats, I wish y'all the best and goodbye VMI for all the rest.

V-man, Tilt, Ox, I'll miss you. Good Luck! Mom and Dad Thanks I hope I've made y'all proud.

**DYKES-1986 Rick Chambers  
— 1992 Rick Barlow**



It's hard to believe that I'm almost ready to graduate. The last 3 years seemed to last forever, but when I look back on them, they went so fast. I really don't know what to say what I feel about this place. Sometimes I had wished that I had never even come here, and other times I was glad I chose this school. I'm glad I experienced this place but I would never go through this again. What helped me survive here were the friends I have made. If it wasn't for them I probably would have gone insane! I wish I could relive the roadtrips, Zollomans parties, Ring Figure, and all the other fun times I've had. To my roommates, we finally made it! After putting up with this impossible system, we finally get to leave-for good! Steve, Scott, and Jason you guys are the greatest! To my good buddy Matt, who would thought that the two of us could have made it through here? I'm glad we stuck it out! Last of all, I'd to thank my family for their support they have given me. I hope I have made you all proud! Mom, Dad, Ramona, and Julie-Thank you and I love you all very much!

**DYKES-1986 Steve Blinn  
— 1992 Franco Neto**



When we came to the "I" most of us didn't know what we were getting into have these expectations of what your go do and where you are going, but it seem me I never really could put my foot. Weather it be an injury or operation the torture of going through what you be B.S. at the time. Thanks roomates for ing me through those days and paren BR's. I know I couldn't have made it t without you and know that most of us sl least some of the same sentiments. I've some great times here and will never them. Just hope there are many more to To the dykes of 161: Thanks, I know all will go far. No matter what happens y be what you want. So make the system for you.

Thanks "Big John"-O.K.!

**DYKES-1986 Rick Chambers  
— 1992 Eric Fuller**







**James Harvey Black**  
 ege, Ozone Ranger, Junior  
 nited States Navy-History  
 Winthrop, Maine

Team 4,3,2,1; Virgin Private; Sea-  
 's Roomate 3,2,1; Good Attitude 4,3;  
 Attitude 2,1; 12th Man 1; Crippled 1; 1st  
 editor for the Bomb; Hit by ricochets

ing at the top of the VMI ladder is quite a  
 after 4 years of ups and downs. Though it  
 important right now, I'm sure any dif-  
 ficulties and problems that I have with my class-  
 and the system will soon be forgotten. At  
 that's what Jon & Seab tell me. I feel for-  
 to say that I do have a few real BRs and  
 really good friends here. I want to thank all  
 people for their help and assistance. I really  
 appreciate it. Mom and Dad, I have been blessed  
 your love and support for all these years. I  
 VMI was my choice, not yours, and I love  
 supporting my dreams.  
 and Mrs. Davis, I can never repay you for  
 at you have done for me. You are truly  
 rful and I wish you the best.  
 o, Jon, Bill, John, and Charlie, this place  
 not have been worth it if I had not met you  
 have other friends, but you are the best.  
 ge, Cpt. Trower and Cpt. W, thank you for  
 breaks and advice you gave me.  
 I will continue to change after I'm gone,  
 e it did while I was here. Hopefully, next  
 will change for the better. Unfortunately,  
 in the hands of Smith Hall. Anyways, I  
 you with this: "Insanity and immaturity  
 he spirit alive!" Adrienne, Leah & Regina  
 ve you all.  
 — Thanks for Ring Figure, I love you.

ES-1986 Jimmy Waltus Kilbourne  
 1992 A.J. Bonaldi "Squat Monster"



**George Edward Bouchard**  
 The Bouche, Boosh, Whiteboy  
 Air Force-Economics  
 Lexington, Virginia

Newman Club 4; Car Club 4,3,2,1; Px La-  
 borer 3,2,1; Corporal 3; Ops Sgt/Plt Sgt 2;  
 Platoon Lt 1.

There is finally light at the end of the tunnel,  
 after an eternal 4 years. I would never have made  
 it without the support of God, my parents who  
 always supported me and made me feel loved, my  
 brother, who I still look up to for making it  
 through this place when it really was "Old  
 Corps", and all the rest of my family, including  
 the ones in the Px. Everyone complains about this  
 place, all are valid complaints of course, but this  
 place really teaches you something: Honor, in-  
 tegrity, self discipline, and how to get along with a  
 wide range of people. The "I" has given a gift to  
 all of us that will last us throughout our lives, and  
 that is good friends. Al, Brent, Troll, Matt and  
 Chris, I will always remember the good times  
 we've had together. Brent, your luck and mine  
 are about the same when it comes to women, but  
 maybe it has finally changed. Al and Chris, you  
 have been great roommates despite your many  
 quirks. I pray we will always remain good friends  
 and remember to keep in touch. Colin, I hope  
 you do stick it out through this place. Despite the  
 seemingly many cons against this place you will  
 grow a lot and come out a better man. I wish you  
 good luck. It will be a sad day when I leave the  
 gates of the "I", but there is a bright future ahead  
 of me anyways. I'm sure I'll come back for the  
 sheer ambience of this place as all alumni even-  
 tually do.

DYKES-1985 Pat "Mags" McGuire  
 — 1992 Colin Whitehouse



**Daniel Bradley Bowen**

Army-Electrical Engineering  
 Indianapolis, Indiana

Ranger Plt 1; Combat Engineer Plt. 1; Jazz  
 Band 1; Militaria Club 1;

It's been an interesting four years. I've  
 learned a lot about myself. I'm thankful for  
 the people I've been able to meet. I want to  
 thank my roommates for the great times we've  
 had. I know we always liked to pick on you, but  
 your a great guy and it wouldn't have been the  
 same without you. Bob, as the only LA major  
 in the room, I know you took a lot of abuse  
 too. Just hang in there, I'm sure you'll make  
 more money than us someday (Maybe). Well  
 Zeke, what can I say? You and I have stuck it  
 out since Rat year. It has been a great time.  
 Sometimes we think so much alike it's eerie. I  
 am glad I got the chance to be your friend. I'll  
 be sure to bother you with my presence for a  
 long while, unless you're holding a raquetball  
 raquet. I'll miss having you all around but I'm  
 sure Michelle will help me adjust. Keep in  
 touch and I'll be seeing you all (yall) around.  
 Well Dan, it's been an "interesting four  
 years" with you as my friend. You're always  
 fun to be around. You're my bestest buddy  
 and I'll always remember the fun times we  
 had. I hope we keep in touch after Grad-  
 uation. Oh, Always remember "The one who  
 dies with the most toys wins." Be good and  
 stay sober — Your buddy Zeke.

DYKES-1986 John Butler  
 — 1992 Dan Agostini

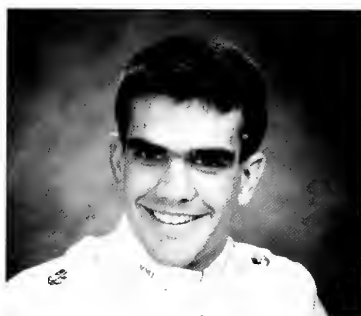




**Kevin Edward Boyum**

**Puk, White-Bread**  
Air Force-Electrical Engineering  
Vienna, Virginia

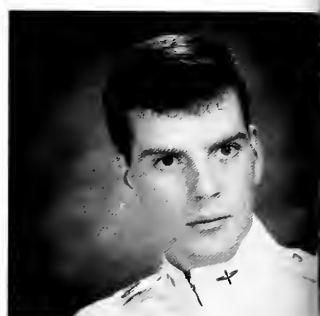
Cpl 3, Btn Sgt Major 2, Reg XO 1; CPB 3,2,1  
VP: IEEE 2,1 Pres; VMI Engineering Society  
2,1 Pres; Eta Kappa Nu 1; House Mtn Crew 1;  
Cadre 3,2,1; Arrested by State Police 2.



**Robert William Bradford**

**Brow, B-Squared, Opus, Goob**  
Army-Economics  
Ellicott City, Maryland

BOMB 2, Editor in Chief 1; Pvt. 4,2,1 Cpl. 3;  
Ranger Platoon 3,2, PL 1; William & Mary  
Banzai Boy 3,2,1; Fencing 4.



**Stephen A. Breheny**

**Cabbie, NY Hood, Nick**  
Army Aviation-Mathematics  
New York City, New York

Rat Training 3,2,1; Karate 3; Dean's List  
AUSA 1; Airborne School 4; Marshal Award  
4,3,2,1; Apple Blossom Festival 3,2,1.

21 Aug 85. When it all began (or ended?);  
The first day I remember before breakout. It's  
all a blur now, except the loss of my best friend  
SOD after exams. Then 3rd class year-What  
memories. Hey Fung, Maaa! Help me please!  
Ragu, don't go near that sink! Bulk up Block,  
and shave your own legs. Shadilius, shoe fights  
with Block? The year of ski trips, sorry Col.  
Gordon. Was a pretty good year. But didn't  
compare to 2nd class year, what a party! Ring  
Figure, Mardi Gras (Hey Duff, I'm so — up!),  
Zolloman's Baldwin, and school? Oh yeah, EE  
emerged that year. and finally 1st class year.  
Trying to hang in there. Boston was great!  
Sorry you had such a bad weekend, Marc, but  
remember life is great! Thank you Dwayne  
and Drew for being there. Hey Duff and  
Droop, it's been fun. The friends you made  
are worth it all! Thank you Mom and Dad for  
your support. Soon it will be all over, and we'll  
move on to the rest of our lives. Good luck  
brother rats. I love you Sally. Fric, I'll be  
around.

It seems like it was only yesterday that I was  
celebrating my high school graduation and  
was preparing to come to VMI. When I got  
here it was completely different from what I  
expected. I made it with the love and support  
of my family. They would tell me that this is a  
special place. I doubted that at first, but now I  
see they were right. I got the same amount of  
support when I got a 1.0 the first semester of  
my Third class year. I managed to get through  
and was anxious to get to Ring Figure. Now  
I'm prepared to walk across that stage (I  
hope). I feel that I'll miss this place.

There are many people who've helped me  
get through here. My Mom, my Dad, and my  
sister Befry. I love you all and I could not have  
made it without your love and support. Grand-  
ma and Peggy, you deserve the same amount  
of thanks. Harlan, Jon and Mike, thanks for  
putting up with me. I think of you guys as  
brothers. Steve, you'll learn to love this place  
as I have. There is one more person to whom I  
owe a lot. Tracy, you are by no means the last  
person on my mind. You have helped me so  
much it's beyond words. Crim Dell brought us  
closer, it's not going to jinx us. Babe. I love  
you and just hang on for a while longer, then  
we'll be together for the rest of our lives.

All the way from across the Mason-Dixon  
Line I came, a damn Yankee from NYC "Big  
Apple". Sorting through the never-ending  
routine. I can remember a few good things  
I'll never forget. As a rat, "the bro-  
noses" and the broken light over the sink,  
and Al, "How did you ever put up with  
me? Well guys, we made it! Summer came and I  
my knees in the breeze down in Ft. Ben-  
Ga. As a third, sending up a first.  
"Disrespect to a third", but I didn't re-  
there was no such thing! Biv, Willie and D.  
Good Luck! Second class year. What a  
Ring Figure and "The Lost Week '88".  
now it all wraps up and winds down-First  
year. Dykes, we tried to give you the best  
line we could. Dan and Dave, you'll do  
Hank, you pig, what a blast it's been!  
member what's important-MONEY! Good  
luck and keep in touch. B.F. you greasy  
ugee! Sam, stay slim! Seriously though,  
guys take it easy and good luck. Mom and  
thanks for giving me the support I needed  
make you proud. Jennifer, it's been a great  
years and the best is yet to come! I love  
Nick "The Wap" Alberio you were right  
was almost worth it!" John, I learned a lot  
from your courage and determination, "Al-  
know that someday you will walk out of  
again!" All the way ...

**DYKES — 1986 Karl Kuhrman**  
— 1992 Eric Taylor



**DYKES-1986 Samuel "Wad" Holmes**  
— 1992 Steven "Rock" Smith



**DYKES-1986 Rob Nentwig**  
— 1992 Dave Alberici, Dan Nosche





Harrison Pendleton Bresee

Cool Breeze, Breezy  
Army-Biology  
Orange, Virginia

nt Newspaper; Young Republicans;  
fighters; Virgin Private; Gender Rebel  
1/2 year off Club; W & L Halloween

anks Mom and Dad... John Fisher come  
and graduate with me... and Kramer  
es, did you really like the drums? Cliff  
r, we will see you in D.C., if you survive  
tico... Bob Davis, did you really wear  
uniform to your brother's graduation?  
guys, the plantation parties are over...  
s, of course we do it again! Troy, Matt  
ll you eighty-fivers, take care of your-  
W&L-Clare, Eleanor, Caroline, Pa-  
e and Austin... Thanks for everything  
for hiding my clothes Rat year! Bridget,  
s for your support-Arthur, keep her in  
we know those Foxcroft girls (right CC &  
Grandmother and Grandfather, I love  
Mom and Dad, that is your bedroom in  
formal M.F. Gus, we all missed you these  
three years... Send Missy our love. I  
go on-you Friede's are great-but I won't  
ot of course, to thank Gordo for the belt.  
lly I would love to give some advice-if  
eed a year or so off from VMI, go skiing  
lorado or to the beach in Ca. Thanks  
r and Martin. Mom and Dad, I LOVE  
... Roomates I'll miss you all  
S TIME TO ROLL AWAY

KES-1985 Gordon "Otis"  
dexter



David Christopher Brown

Doobie, Dubrow  
Army-Economics  
New Kensington, Pennsylvania

Football 4,3,2,1; Wrestling 4; Ghetto Warrior  
3,2,1; Monogram Club 3,2,1; Horsemen  
4,3,2,1; Virgin Private; 350 Demerit Club;  
Tim Simmons Society; Muddball 5; Summer  
School 3,2; River House 2; VMI Cadet 1;  
Conduct Pro 3,2.

My stay here at VMI has been of an in-  
teresting nature. Through many months of  
confinement, four hardluck football seasons  
and numerous close calls academically, I look  
back upon it with a fairly positive attitude. To  
say that I have enjoyed my stay here would be  
a far cry, but through it all I have had the  
opportunity to make the best friends a man  
can have. Gordo, Mutt, Slob and O'Fer I  
couldn't have four better friends or roomates.  
I couldn't imagine making it through this  
place in any other way than we did-barely!  
Fellow Horsemen (Ghetto and Pervert) we  
have nurtered many a keg and memory, but  
alas, the Horsemen shall continue to ride.  
Hurley and Spaz thanks for some good grid-  
iron memoir, we had some good ole times out  
there. Steve, thank you for some good con-  
versation. To the "boys" I'll see you at the  
next whoopini! Mom and Dad, thanks for the  
love and support. I love you both. Melissa, I  
also thank you for your support. Lastly, I  
would like to thank God for giving me this  
opportunity and seeing me through. Real  
world here I come, well maybe I'll wait a year  
or two and have some fun in the meantime!

What a long, strange trip this has been!  
Dead  
Later,  
Doobie

DYKES-1986 Dan Monahan  
— 1992 T. Washington, J. McGrogan



Eric L Buchanan

Buck, Buch, Fool, Lance  
Navy-History  
Signal Mountain, Tennessee

Newspaper Staff 3,2,1; Consulting Editor 1;  
Scuba Club 1; English Society 1; Lily-White  
Virgin Private 4,3,2,1.

What was I thinking? A military school eight  
hours from home while all my friends partied  
with VOLS at UT! My dykes made the dif-  
ference. Dave, I guess I turned out OK after  
all. My dykes taught me the lingo and how to  
have a good time at this hole. Mikey, Joy, Joe  
and Dave, Thanks.

I got through 3rd and 2nd class year with  
the help of my co-dykes, especially Drewpy  
and Fulcrum Head. First class year has made it  
all worth it! As Gerbul would say, it's been a  
"squall".

Tom, for being a pain-in-the-butt wop, you  
turned out to be one of the best friends I ever  
had. Red and Lance, thanks for showing up  
and helping me find out what a fool I really  
am. Meg, finding you was the luckiest oc-  
currence in my life. Without you I'd probably  
be scraping barnacles somewhere. Thanks for  
being there and for being you.

Mom and Dad, your support and love (and  
money) have meant more than anything. I  
hope I made you proud.

Trent, good luck, it will all be over even-  
tually. Enjoy it while you can.

To the "I" all I can do is raise the red  
protest flag and cry "FOUL".

DYKES-1986 David Sheckels  
— 1992 Trent (Lurch) Warner





**Vincent DePaul Buser**

**Booze**  
Army-Civil Engineering  
Fauquier, Virginia

ODU Beach Bum 5; Pvt 4,3,2,1; G Co Gideon 1; Maury River Rat Training 1; Bomb Staff 1; ASCE 1; Ring Design Committee; Shoulder Dislocated 4,3; Dean's List 4; Post Parade Cocktail Club 3,2,1; NEB BOHICA Assn. 4,3,2,1,0; Num Me Vexo 4,3,2,1

"All discipline seems a cause for grief.. but later it brings forth the fruit of peace and justice to those who are trained in its school."  
— St. Paul (Soldier, Apostle)

Son of Mary and Donald Buser said goodbye. 21 Aug 85; Hot, steamy summer. Overwhelmed; Old reasons why lost. Old-timer points the way. (THANKS Joe'86) But no explanation is found; Ever. Straining sweating rats, Share a test of fire. Became brothers (BRs your the best! THANKS, FARE WELL.) Forged tough; Mass polished, strove; Honor, elan, mettle shone. At last, Breakout! 89, 89, 89... Sun shines warm, cool fresh breeze, But bright color dies. Winning big. PTs, Ds, Rules, Fs, Confined; Shivering in heavy grey wool overcoat; Longest raw, Disillusioning winter. Friendships enkindled against cold, Forever warm. (Tom, Sean only by you could I cope. THANKS) Thaw begins; slowly. Ringfigure. Now faster spring comes. Beginning is near, Still it rains. Memory graciously cheats, Cherishes; Tailgating Hops Estell's Goshen JMU Corps trips Block-running, Fitz's place ... Glory Days. I'm glad I came.

Cadetship made possible by Love Laughter Understanding and Support of: Yama and Body, Mark Skred and Louie, Mike Charlie Missy Marge Kid Fran Chris and ND, and above all-MOM and DAD. I LOVE YOU.

**Dykes-1986 Joe Dekeyrel**  
— 1992 Craig Myers



**William Steven R. Cairo**

**Bill, Laughing-Boy, The Evil Foz**  
Army-Economics  
Palm City, Florida

Rat Training 4; Ranger Platoon 4; Corporal 3; The Phi Psi Raid and Arrest 3; Illegal Car Club 3,2; The Zoo 3,2,1; First Sergeant (Echo) 2; 2nd Bn S-1; Rat Training Cadre (House Mountain) 2; Investment Club 1; AUSA 1; Marshall Museum Staff 3,2,1.

What we obtain to cheap, we esteem too lightly.

— Thomas Paine

Four years ago I entered Barracks for the first time. I was ripped away from the easy world I knew, and cast into the heartless realm of shaved heads, screaming corporals and endless workouts. Yes, VMI had just given me the ultimate enema of life! Since Matriculation, I've felt many things about the Institute. VMI really did create and mold me. It taught me the importance of honor and integrity in my life and gave me the greatest friends a man could ever have.

I never would have stayed but not for my two best buddies and roommates-Steve Druett and Andy H. Lavin. They put up with me for my whole cadetship, and never even once raised the rent. They babysat me when I was drunk, and supported me when I was down. Our friendship will last forever and that is far more important than any diploma.

Mr. and Mrs. Druett-thank you for extending to me your kindness and your home-it really made a difference. Finally, my family. Thank you all for love and support. And for countless CARE packages! My success at VMI is as much yours as it is mine. I love you all. Melynn, I love you, and it's almost here.

Gott Mit Uns

**Dykes-1986 Doug Brennan**  
— 1992 Rob Schonberger Mac Kelly



**Samuel B. Callejo Jr.**

**Sam, Jun-Jun, Ginger Bread M**  
Mathematics-Air Force  
Barstow, California

Rat, Cpl, Sgt, Lt, also Pvt 4th, 3rd, 2nd, 1st, hopefully First Class year; Karate Club 4, 3rd, 2nd, 1st; Rob's Roommate 4th, 3rd, 2nd, 1st.

Well I finally made it. It took a lot of work and sacrifice but with the help of my BRs, my roommate, my dykes (86) Brad, Kerry a Steve and my close friend Spud (87) and P (86), it hasn't been all work and no play.

I don't want to turn this 1st class history into a copy of good preavilling against evil so I devote the rest of this space to thank-yous: heart wrenching goodbyes.

To my BRs it has been a bittersweet 4 but we finally made it. To my close friends Brandon, Rob, Spud, Pete and all those I neglected to name thanks for all the great parties and times. To my dykes, the mass of 89-93, the soon to be class of 1992, Lex, Herbie, P and Rich keep your head up do your best to keep with it. VMI sucks but some of the best times occur when you are a cadet. I would like to close by saying it is not THE VIRGIN MILITARY INSTITUTE THAT I'LL MISS BUT RATHER THE CAMARADERIE AND LIFE LONG FRIENDSHIPS MADE AND SOLIDIFIED OVER THE PAST 4 YEARS.

A special thanks has to go to friends a family for their support these past 4 years FLOYD AND THE ALTARES FAMILY, UNCLE ART AND THE BELENS, THE LAGMAYS, AND MY OWN CALLED FAMILY THANKS FOR PROVIDING A HOME AWAY FROM HOME.

**DYKES-1986 George Shields**  
— 1992 Lex "Luthor" Robles





**Francis Joseph Campion**

comfortable, Moon Pie, Opus,  
Navy-History/Politics  
North Brunswick, New Jersey

4, Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Pvt 1; H Co. RDC; Humor  
or VMI Cadet; President Pre-Law Soc.;  
Insurer College Republicans; International  
Students Clubs; Trident Soc; The North Won

s I write my history I find it difficult to  
ve Graduation is upon us. It seems as  
ugh our Matriculation was just yesterday.  
that same day in August, 1985 I thought  
I could succeed at VMI independent of  
one or anything. It took only a mere few  
rs for me to realize that I was wrong. Much  
my disappointment, I discovered that the  
ness, despair, and depression continued  
and Rat year. I quickly learned that the  
ndships established at VMI prove to be the  
ary source of preserving one's sanity.  
he four years of my cadetship have not  
ys been plagued by negative feelings. I've  
many memorable experiences here.  
kout, Ring Figure, Ginny mobile trips  
Ginny house parties, Zolloman's and too  
y others to mention. These experiences  
ld not have been what they were without  
tros, Paulie, Gheenster, Mezzo, Lerbie,  
ntry, Jake and the boys in room 152.  
wish to thank my mom for all of her love  
support, John for his help and guidance,  
Greg and Tommie for all of the mem-  
s. Beth, thanks for all of your love and  
ort. And my dad, I know that you were  
me through it all. I give my love and  
ks to all of you.

**DYKES-1986 Terrence E. McCartney**  
— 1992 Christopher Bergen



**Paul Roland Canada**

**CA-NA-DA, Ears**  
**Army-Economics**  
**Radford, Virginia**

Honor Court 2, Senior Voting Member 1; Cpl  
3, Sgt 2, A Co XO 1; Investment Club 2  
President (A) 1; Soc. of Young Economists Sec  
2, Pres 1; College Republicans 3,1; Dean's List  
3; Virginia Program at Oxford '87; Rugby 3.

I believe VMI has provided us with a res-  
ervoir of knowledge, pride and strength from  
which we can draw for the rest of our lives.  
The academic education we've been provided  
is first rate. The humility, pride and esprit de  
corps we learned will also aid future endeavors.  
Most importantly, the honor instilled in us  
will heighten our values in the eyes of others in  
a world where deception is often, and un-  
fortunately, taken and given with a grain of  
salt. In sum I believe our VMI education has  
equipped us with the tools to survive and  
thrive in a changing world.

Perhaps the factor that contributes most to  
our development here is the knowledge and  
strength we gain from the friendships we  
form. I've experienced some of the best and  
worst memories with those in my class. As old  
as I become and as far as I travel from VMI, I  
will always remember them. To my roommates,  
Andy, Bubba and Dave, I thank you for your  
compatibility and friendship. To Mezzo,  
Gheen, Jake, Ash, Frank, Jason, Kevin, Matt,  
Mike and Ship, the times we had were at times  
indescribable and at others just cheesy. Let's  
keep in touch.

To my family, I thank you for your love and  
support. I know that we will remain the close  
unit we always have been.

**DYKES-1985 Darryl Horne**  
— 1992 Jeff Hylton, Rick Mathena



**W. Mackey Carr Jr.**

**Mack, Frankenstein, Jujubehead**  
**Special Student-English**  
**Suffolk, Virginia**

Sweetbriar part time student 3,2; Glee Club  
5,3,2; Special Student 3,2,1; Well rested ap-  
proach 5,3,2,1; Sabbatical 4.

Well, I guess that I should thank my folks,  
for without their help this would have been  
merely unrealized fantasy. I must also thank  
Bruce Busila, wherever he is, for helping me  
through Rat and 3rd class years. Thanks also  
to Teeki Taylor as she made 3rd and 2nd class  
years bearable. Red, thanks for everything.  
Fuzzmuffin, thanks. Dave and Steve, thanks  
for putting me up for the year. Mrs. Hostetter,  
thank you for all your help.

Summer's going fast  
Nights growing colder  
Children growing up  
Old friends growing older  
-Rush

Love that line, yet I hate it too. Kind of like  
VMI.

-Bye  
Graduation-Good take, good work.

**DYKES-1985 Joe Irby**  
— 1992 Jeff Defosse

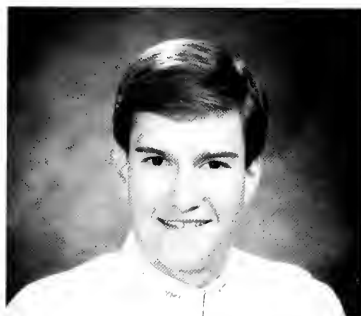




**Lewe Brett Carter**

**"Frankenbrett"**  
Air Force-Economics  
St. Cloud, Florida

Pvt 4,3,2,1; Football 4,3,2,1; Number One Club 3; Illegal Car Club 2; Special Student 2,1.



**John Peter Cartwright**

**Air Force (SS)-History**  
Dallas, Texas

1988 Ring Figure Committee; Circle K 1; Number One Club 2; The Chowder Society.



**Harlan Aloysius Carvey**

**HA, "THE HA BODY"**  
U.S.M.C.-Electrical Engineering  
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Pvt 4, Cpl 3, Sgt 2, LT 1; Rat Training, Semper Fi Society 4,3,2,1; Bob's Roommate 4,3,2,1; Free Association Society 2,1; Cruel to oneself 4; Cruelty to others 3,2,1; The "F BODY" 2,1; OCS 1; USMC Marathon 1; Baldwin Bound 1.

To be truthful it hasn't been that bad of a four years. But I'm using the word "BAD" very cautiously. I've had a hard time dealing with the rules, disciplinary actions, and the whole military life that surrounds VMI. On the other hand it will be hard to leave behind my roommates and friends that I've grown close to over the past four years. SHOTZ, it's been odd not having you around to keep us out of trouble and our morale high, but believe me the memories have kept you near. Mike, where should I start, or should I keep my mouth shut so we can still graduate? Well, I know that I can say that you've become another brother to me and it will be hard to say goodbye, but I know our friendship won't end at the 1.

A special and well deserved thanks goes out to thy DUDES in 214; "THE DUDE, THE LUD, and THE CUBAN", and OBES, the newest member of 138, without you guys this place would have been unbearable.

VMI, I know I will leave you with an excellent education and very fond memories. I also know I have no regrets for coming here because you've given me a headstart on life and the capability to take on the obstacles that lie ahead. But I don't know if I'll ever return just for a visit.

Before I say bye I must tell my mom and dad without their support it would have been impossible, I love you both very much.

DYKES-1986 Stu Heishman  
— 1992 Scott McKenna, Garry Wright



Matriculation was a long time ago-spiritually and emotionally. There are too many good memories to dwell on the bad ones. The Hops, the weekends, the bands, the friends, all the damn good times. Al, you should have been here. Kev and Sam, I should have been here. Stephanie, I know there were hard times and there were harder times, but everything will turn out just as you've always wanted.

I know it could have been easier, but it couldn't have been worse, cause if the thunder don't getcha, then the lightning will.

Mom, Dad, Eddie, Steve, thank you for everything. I love you all.

DYKES-1985 A.K. Iroler



DYKES-1986 Dan Kirby  
— 1992 Bryan Rockhard Frazier





**Peter Rocco Catalano**

**Nbrocco, Peter-J, Catman**  
**Navy-Economics Int'l Studies**  
**Virginia Beach, Virginia**

op and Floor 3,2,1 President; Investment  
 b 2,1; International Relations Club 2,1;  
 otball 4; Baseball 4,3; Permit Rider 4; Un-  
 uthorized Car Club 4,3,2; European Wan-  
 er 2; Horsemen 4,3,2,1; Practically A Crit-  
 e Theorist 2,1; Turn Down The Radio  
 1.

Well Bra this is it. Who would've thought we'd  
 in this position four years ago on that fateful  
 z filled night when we said what the Hell, I  
 if you do. Next thing we knew our chins were  
 We've been through a lot since junior high  
 pool and here. I can honestly say that I  
 didn't have made it without you. Nit nwas  
 natot natot neasier navin swumwone  
 nis nas ndlse no ne as nou nonfide nin neglish  
 es! Rxto think I have only been here for four  
 is in unbelievable. I don't know when I finally  
 le that decision. It was more of a good idea at  
 time. As with anyone I owe my cadetship to a  
 of people. Fellas I never would have made it  
 out you. Bunky, me bestest droogie, you were  
 ys there. To the horsemen we are as different  
 we are alike, that's what makes us close. We  
 many fun times at this hole, and away from it:  
 e, keep laughing, someday you'll graduate,  
 dy, stay friends with Andrew, we know the  
 h, 100 dollars of my money, Buttercup, un-  
 apable, what else is there to say. Ned, another  
 of Ouzo, Mate? Sparky, Todd, Gord, Tom,  
 r, Slob, Dufrow, Mutt and all the rest I love  
 guys. Donna and Dick, thanks for being  
 e. Doc Monsour, you are second only to my  
 er, thanks. Mom, Dad, Sis, thanks for being  
 e through the good and bad. I hope I have  
 le you proud. Thanks for everything. I love  
 guys!

**DYKES-1986 Bob Scaglione**  
**— 1992 Todd Denny, Jack Collins**



**Joseph Anthony Cefalu**

**Cef, Ceffy**  
**Army-Biology**  
**Raleigh, North Carolina**

Rat, Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Cadre 2, Lt 1; Martial Arts  
 Club 3,2; Dean's List 2; Newman Club 4,3,2,1;  
 Bio Boys Club 4,3,2,1; Tarheel 4,3,2,1.

It has been four long years and finally it is my  
 turn. However I can't tell you the reasons I'm  
 here writing this because I really don't know  
 myself. Mom and Dad, since I've made you feel  
 second choice for the last four years, I can't think  
 of any two people who deserve to be mentioned  
 and thanked before you. I love both of you very  
 much, and can never repay all of the love and  
 support I've recieved from you. You were always  
 there beside me. My ring and diploma also belong  
 to you. Next, I want to thank the certain and  
 special crowd that made this unforgettable expe-  
 rience a pleasant one to remember. The Bio  
 Boys! We have battled out all of the different  
 aspects of the VMI system together from the  
 ratline to academics to just having a great friend  
 to talk to when necessary. Lloyd, Ox, Scott, Jay,  
 Dave, Bubba, Mitch, Dan, and Todd. It is the  
 memories I have of you that I will take with me.  
 This place would have been unbearable without  
 you guys. I know we will all meet again. Jennifer,  
 meeting you had to have been one of the reasons  
 that fate brought me to Virginia! You're a very  
 special part of my life. I Love You! Devon, you are  
 a great dyke and an even better friend. Get your  
 dream Devon, you're doing great! JAC '89

Goodbye cruel world I'm leaving you today  
 Goodbye, Goodbye, Goodbye — Roger Waters

**DYKES-1986 Pete Needham**  
**— 1992 Devon Mahoney**



**Robert Wayne Childress**

**Bubba, Bubbles**  
**Army-Biology**  
**Short Pump, Virginia**

Cross Country 4,3,2,1; Indoor Track 4,3,2,1;  
 Outdoor Track 4,3,2,1; Coach Bozeman's Fat  
 Table 2,1; FCA 1; Carroll Scholar 4,3,2,1.

I never thought it would be easy and it  
 wasn't. I could have gone to schools where I  
 would have had more fun and freedom, but I  
 could not have gone to a better school. I have  
 recieved a quality education that has left me  
 many options upon graduation. I can't remem-  
 ber any easy Track practices, but I will miss  
 being part of such a high-caliber team. I would  
 not be here if it not for Coach Bozeman. I will  
 miss the leadership provided by coaches  
 Lauche, MacIntyre, and Owerhmole.

Mom and Dad, I know the last four years  
 have been rough ones for you, but your little  
 boy is coming home. Thank you for the love  
 and support.

I probably have more relatives than anyone  
 else on Earth and each one has supported me  
 throughout my cadetship, but I must mention  
 Mama Ray, Mama, Papa, Tammy, Kenny-Ray,  
 Brenda, Mary, Ethel, Maude, Okie and Ruby.  
 Thanks also to my dyke Keith, and my  
 roommates Andy, Dave, and Paul. I hope to  
 vote for Paul one day and read about Andy in  
 "Outside" magazine. Dave will probably get  
 married and add a few pounds. Jay and Austin-  
 hang in there and good luck.

Last but not least, I thank the class of '34 for  
 making my cadetship possible.

**DYKES-1986 J. Keith McKenzie**  
**— 1992 Austin Spencer, Jay King**







**Stephen Michael Chiles**

**Bulbous  
Special Student-History  
Westfield Center, Ohio**

Swimming 4,3,2,1; Naval Aviators 4,3,2; Procrastinators 4,3,2,1; Summer Break at VMI Reform School 3,2; Riding the Fine Line 4,3,2,1; Euchre Club 2,1.

My experience at the "I" has been less than pleasant to say the least, but in retrospect I don't think I would change a thing — I had too much fun complaining. Naturally, almost everyday I contemplated my reasons for staying at this place of hardship but in the end it came down to one thing — friends. How could one leave the people with which he has been through so much?

The guys of the 137 Euchre crew, you are the greatest — the late nights when we should have been studying were hysterical! Form it up!

To John, what can I say? We've been together since the days of morning practices, waiting to see if the baldman would show up or not; what a blast! We made it!

Dave, who knows where I would be without our wisecracks, roadtrips, zones, and of course the neverending quit sessions. We had so many good times, even when things were at their worst. My sanity was dependent on your "insanity". Thanks for everything!

Finally, where would I be without my parents continual support? I find it very difficult to put my feelings into words, so I will close by simply saying — Mom, Dad, Kara, THANKS, I LOVE YOU!

**DYKES-1986 Paul Jarvis  
— 1992 James Cherry**



**David Devlin Clement Jr.**

**Dave, Dee Dee, Sleepy, Bambi,  
U.S. Navy-History, Psychology  
Fairfax, Virginia**

God's Country Resident & Skins Fan 4,3,2,1; Regimental Pvt 4,3,2,1; Marine Marathon 3,1; Trident Soc. 2,1; SPS 4; Cadet Battery 3; Academically Recovering 3,2,1; Good Guys 3,2,1; Casualness (Black Sheep) 2,1; Master of Time, Space and Dimension 5,4,3,2,1.

Four years ago a doe eyed, wet behind the ears, naive boy matriculated. In May, a hardened, militant, Fascist, cold hearted killing machine will be released into our society. Walk softly. Hide your women and children. I am the model upon which the whole man concept was founded. Are you impressed? ... I thought so.

If I could only take one thing from the "I" it would be the memories. Ralph teaching me how to be cool, practical jokes and being kidnapped rat year. The marathon, a special someone, and '87 knocking 3rd class year. Ring Figure, mixers, and the corps trip 2nd class year. And 1st class year cannot be described, only experienced.

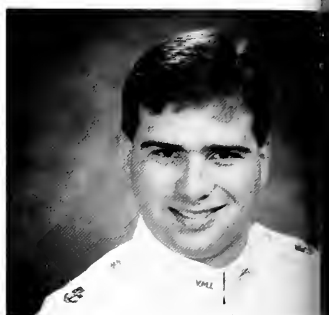
Now I must thank all my friends that made it worthwhile. Thanks to Larry, Tom, Jim, Ike, Andy, Matt and yes, even you Paul. Ex-roommates Seth, Jon, and George, you are OK.

If it was up to me none of you men would ever see a diploma.-Cloudy

The mouse dreams dreams that would terrify the cat.-Armenian Proverb

It's better to burn out than to fade away.-Neil Young/Kurgan.

**DYKES-1986 Ralph Frye  
— 1992 David Bradley**



**Kenneth Hightower Co.**

**Ken, Enkay Obbcay  
Army-Electrical Engineering  
Covington, Virginia**

Private 4,3,2,1; IEEE 2,1; Summer So 4,3,2; Courtyard Wiffleball.

When I was a rat I thought that my old men were old men and that I'd never make it far. And now I'm a First classman and dykes seem like kids. In some ways it seems only yesterday that I matriculated, but in other ways it seems like I've been here for ever. But now I'm just hoping the nightmare end in May.

But I've managed to have my share of times here at club VMI. Roadtrips to preppie milkmaid schools, killer Zollar parties, roadtrips with Amedog to UVA, ter Bowl and Ring Figure.

I've seen lots of people come and go at VMI but the great friends I've made will stick in my mind. Erick, we had a great time in Me. Mitch, we had some great roadtrips, and not talking about the ones back to VMI with my Dad or your Dad would lecture us to better. To my hometown boys Trip and B. always be proud to be a redneck from Covington, Va.

Thanks to Mom and Dad for everything I know I have not shown any gratitude by writing letters. I think you should frame that letter I wrote my rat year.

**DYKES-1986 Todd McCullough  
— 1992 Mathew Swanson**





**Brian Batten Collier**

Stretch, Bryje, Cadet Goodwrench  
Army-Mechanical Engineering  
Chesterfield, Virginia

Co Guidon Bearer; Corporal 3; Cadet News-  
paper Photographer 4,3; Bomb Photographer  
3,2; ASME; Hop and Floor 3,2; Illegal Car  
Club 2; BEACH 151; Commodities Trader  
2,1.

Well, unfortunately it is not over for me yet.  
I have no one to blame, but myself. I have  
learned so much, though. Perhaps in this com-  
ing year I can learn just that one thing extra  
that I have yet to acquire. That one thing is  
discipline.

Thank you Momma and Daddy for all your  
support and understanding. Thanks to my  
whole family. Whatever I do, I can count on  
your support. It gives me a truly wonderful  
feeling.

And we know that all things work together  
for good to them that love God . . .  
Romans 8:28

**DYKES — 1986 Charlie Shoen**



**John Taylor Corley**

Boom-Boom, JT, Cor  
Army-Civil Engineering  
Decatur, Georgia

Boxing; Timmon's Society; Summer School 2.

So long to the "I" and all the grief that goes  
with it, for the times that were good were actually  
bad, but they were the best. I remember the hot  
day in August and the cold day in March, Ring  
Figure and hopefully graduation. But, more than  
these dates that will fade with time, I remember  
the friends. Thanks to the Mezzacca family and  
to Mike, I guess you got your two hats. To Lloyd,  
Kermit and the rest of the GA boys, we tried but  
it seems our style is "Gone With the Wind". For  
Rm 21 thanks for suffering my company after  
BRC, DRC, SRC, class, etc. Fitz, I hope the next  
time we meet it's not in an underdeveloped state  
such as this one. For Martin and the clan I await  
the next time we can form it up at the Thrifty and  
BAAA all over each other. Kenny, I know it will  
take one more year but "the longer the soup  
simmers, the better it will taste". I hope Eddy  
doesn't fall into a nuke reactor, and Jerry can  
remember not to crawl through windows. I guess  
if DW and I can't be Engs we can still paint. But  
Todd and I will probably still be serving con-  
finement. I hope it's a grand wedding TD. To  
Kraenzle and crew let's get together for one mid-  
night smoke. To Lewis KP, my faithful roomy,  
with my luck I'm sure I'll see you again Muchas  
Grasius and to bury one's self deep. For my final  
comment on VMI and life. Some times it bees  
that way.

**DYKES-1986 Mike Lakos  
— 1992 Chai-Jung Fan**



**Jose Lugos Corpuz**

Hosehead, Hoseman, Pooze  
Army-Mechanical Engineering  
Chicago, IL

Dean' List 4,3,2,1; Academically Distin-  
guished 2; Fencing Club 3,1; Foreign Study  
RMCS 2; Militaria Society 4,2,1; RFT Ranger  
4,3,2; YMIME 4,3,2,1; Cpl 3; 1st Sgt 2; Pvt 4;  
Napoleon's Roomate 3,2,1; BOHICA 4,3,2,1;  
ILYH 2,1.

As I look back on my cadetship, one won-  
ders what made me go to the Institute. To tell  
the truth, I don't know. I really don't think  
I'm removed enough from this place to judge.  
I came to this place with certain images and  
expectations but as with most things, it isn't  
what you expected. The Institute has been a  
rollercoaster of highs and lows and hopefully  
in the coming years, the highs will become  
taller and the lows shallower.

Through it all, I'm here today and for that  
I'm thankful. To all the guys: Ian, Charlie,  
Wuz and Darrin, it's been an experience.  
Sometimes it has been rough, but we've always  
found some laughs in between the cracks. To  
the dykes of room S-54: Good luck and may  
you reach your goals. To my family and special  
friends back at home: Thanks for your sup-  
port and I'll try not to let you down. Finally,  
to the heads in Roberts Hall at RMCS: Cheers  
mates!

Sometimes the light at the end of the tunnel  
is an oncoming train.

Goodbye, Farewell and Amen.

**DYKES-1986 Tony "The Jazz" Jasinski  
— 1992 Steve Farley**

MOM SAID IF I KEEP MAKING  
THIS FACE, IT WILL FREEZE  
LIKE THIS FOREVER!





**Christopher M. Crawford**

**Crayfish, Crawdad, Crow**  
**Army-Mechanical Engineering**  
**Avon Lake, Ohio**

President AUSA; Dean's List; Ranger Platoon; Ranger Challenge '87; Pistol Team; Airborne; Army Scholarship Recipient; American Society of Mechanical Engineers; International Club; Pvt 1,2,3,4.

VMI. What an odd place to be for a young man who wants to enjoy life to its fullest. But I have chosen to take the road less travelled and have experienced some unique tribulation and gratification which most college students would shun. From the first day of matriculation to the Break-out day I've been tested physically and mentally where the exterior of limits gates seems appealing. I have known camaraderie and honor amongst cadets. Well, railine was just one obstacle that you have to go through at the "I". Academics was not near what I expected. With all the late studying you have to go through, there is never enough time to do the work. But fun times like Ring Figure and fraternity excursions will just be a part of my memories which I'll never forget. I would like to say thanks to my roommates Al and George, who lighten up the days with their antics. I would like to express my gratitude to my family who made a lot of sacrifices so that I'll make it through VMI. Without their total support I'll probably be just another kid from another college. Their emotional support made me "stick" through the "I", and for that I'm very grateful. I also want to thank Manang Dahlia and Carol. And lastly, I would like to thank Papa Ben and Mama Conching who gave me everything they had, either their love or advice to make it through life-may God bless them.

**DYKES-1986 Eric Butner**  
 — 1992 Kirk Lipas, David Brugger



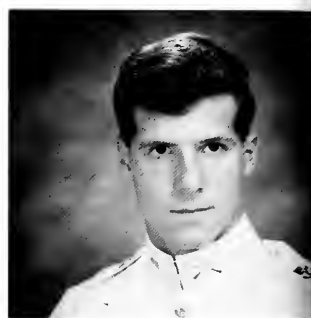
**William Henry Crone V**

**Bill**  
**Army-Civil Engineering**  
**Portsmouth, Virginia**

1st Cpl 3; 1st Plt Sgt 2; 1st Batt S-2 1; 88-89 Honor Court; Circle K Club; ASCE 1; Plug N' Chug Staff 1.

Well, I'm not going to get deep or philosophical because no matter what you say, nobody really understands what it is like unless you are here. So I'm going to thank everyone who helped me through this place. First of all and most importantly I'd like to thank my parents. Mom and Dad you did so much more than was necessary, but I love you both for it. Thanks for putting up with all of my depressed Sunday night phone calls, and I hope that I have made you proud, Lori, I guess you have heard your fair share of complaining too. Thanks for being a great sister and a great friend. Dusty — Thanks for keeping me laughing. I was proud to tell people you were my brother, but only because I'm better looking! Grandma, thanks for keeping me well overnourished, and Grandad thanks for keeping me financially secure. Sandy and Brady, pray that you have good grades so you don't have to come here. Joe, Dan, and John I couldn't have asked for better roommates (well, you could have been female). And finally to all the boys — you know who you are — even though our hedonistic attitudes tried to be repressed by the powers that be, I think we did pretty good! I will never forget you guys.

**DYKES-1986 Cliff Tinsley**  
 — 1992 Craig Davis, Rob Mizelle



**Edwin Carr Cox**

**Ucker, Ronnie, Julio, VO**  
**Army-Economics/ML**  
**Richmond, Virginia**

Gottwald Scholar; Class President; Ge Committee; Executive Committee; Posit mittee; 2nd Class Editor Bomb; Sports 1 Cadet; Oval Office 3; Club 212; Club 11

I can't believe it's almost over. These years seem to have flown by, yet they have been the longest years of my life. As things to a close, I look back and realize there are things I will take with me upon Graduation. Most precious will be the intangibles that appreciate only after I am out of here. I class: I gave the most I could. When I go give any more, you always picked up the (AT). I have the fellas to thank for ensuring last three years were eventful (to say the least). Whenever I got out of hand they "reminded" of just who I was as only they could. I have many memories to list here, but Ghetto an vert, thanks. To my travel partner, you taught much, and I'll remember what you said. S T-Bone, I would have never made it without you. You knew when I was down and always made me bounce back. Living with the "Geekster" tough, but you never complained. Between Oval office and Club (212) 112, we did it. You'll never know how indebted to you. Y'all are the boys!

To my family, what can I say? General and C, my hat's off to you. You know what support meant and I love you. Jim, we've fought in the last three years, and I wouldn't do any other way. You'll be OK; just look out! Little bambino should he make the journey.

**DYKES-1986 Jim Taggart**  
 — 1992 J. Williamson, B. Wat





**Nathaniel Lee Cross**

**Biff, Matty Bo**  
**Army-History**  
**Richmond, Virginia**

4, Cpl 3, Ops Sgt — 2, 3rd Batt S-5;  
 or Court 1; TCFC '89 Pres; Preston Li-  
 3,2,1; Cadre 2,1; VMI Firefighters 1;  
 2; '06 Home Boys 4,3,2,1.

ome of its magic and some of it tragic,  
 its been a good life all the way" JB  
 almost over, I can see the light at the end.  
 I hope four years from now I can look  
 and say it was worth it. But a VMI Ring  
 Diploma, its got to mean something. It  
 d be a joke to think that I "survived" this  
 by myself. To my Parents, thanks for all  
 phone calls and tolerating rat grades.  
 I can only hope to be as lucky as Daddy  
 ng a wife. Dad, if I can only be half the  
 you are, you have given me more than I  
 ver appreciate.

my BR's, you're the greatest, you are  
 make this place bearable. Roomates,  
 ers 4 years together, thats an awful lot.  
 I'll never forget those Sat nights in bar-  
 singing, drinking or roomball. Good  
 in the Corps, you'll make a great Marine.  
 , how about fighting for worst grades in  
 bom. You've got to love warm old Mill  
 the gifted one, gifted at what I'm not  
 but you are gifted, tailgating, hunting,  
 C (well 2 out of 3 ain't bad). Good Luck  
 u too, but I know that all I touch will turn  
 gold.

ally my rat, Travis, do as I've told you  
 s I've done and you'll do great here.  
 VMI, NLC

**KES-1986 Rob Padgett**  
**-1992 Travis Cox**



**Thomas Curran**

**TC Yamas Bajoon Pie**  
**Navy-Mechanical Engineering**  
**Wall, New Jersey**

Honor Court 1; OGA 1; Wrestling 4,3; ASME  
 1; Trident Society 4,3, Treasurer 2, Vice Pres-  
 ident 1; VMI Engineering Society 1.

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of  
 times" This could easily sum up my stay at the  
 "I." There are two people to whom I owe my  
 love and succes, Mom and Dad. It was four  
 hard years but with the support and guidance  
 given to me by my parents it is now history. I  
 love you. To my roomates Sean Dooley and  
 Vince Buser, thanks. You guys deserve a medal.  
 We've had some good times together and I  
 will always cherish them. Scott Leonard aka  
 Scooter, your friendship will never be for-  
 gotten. I could always confide in you and for  
 that I will always walk beside you. For the  
 bodies; Fitz, Ledge, Booze and Dooley Body, I  
 would like to thank you for your comradery.  
 Remember, there are only two types of peo-  
 ple; bodies and thoes who wish to be bodies.  
 Much thanks goes to my friend Chris Ogden  
 who helped me through our twisted major.

Good luck with the next three years Wil.

To my BR's I hope for each one of you  
 success in your future endeavors.

**DYKES-1986 Craig O Harris**  
**— 1992 Wilson J Current**



**Gerald Norman Damron**

**Jerry, Demo, Tweeze, Fohead**  
**Army-Chemistry**  
**Huntington, West Virginia**

Sgt 2, LT 1; American Chemical Society-  
 Secretary; College Republicans; Deans List  
 4,2; Army ROTC Superior Cadet 2; Airborne  
 2; Chemistry Apathy Club 4,3,2,1.

What do I say about my stay at VMI? I'm  
 sure that there were better times to be had at  
 any other school that I could have gone to. But  
 for me, I had to be different from the rest of  
 the crowd back home. Like most cadets, the  
 fun times were few and the bad times were  
 many, but I wouldn't trade my times here for  
 ... for, uh ... uh ... Anyway, I most certainly  
 wouldn't do it again.

Most of all, I have to thank my Mom and  
 Dad for supporting me through this place and  
 putting up with the send \$ letters. Also I have  
 to thank all of my friends back home. Breck,  
 for always being there and his taste in good  
 tunes. Tommy, for his many philosophies of  
 life and our many summer conquests. Don,  
 Cindy, and Amy for their constant support.  
 My Dykes for getting me started and to Mick  
 thanks for the wings. And finally, to Ed for his  
 realistic outlook on everything since we were  
 Rats.

"When they look back at us and they write  
 down their history; what will they say about  
 our generation? We're the ones who knew  
 everything still we did nothing. Harvested eve-  
 rything, planted nothing". — New Model  
 Army

**DYKES-1985 John Dixon**  
**— 1992 Rick Walker, Philip Moore**





**Jonathan Macaulay Davis**

**Jon**  
U.S. Navy-Modern Language  
Warrenton, Virginia

Virgin Private; OGA 1; Bomb Staff 1; Dean's List 2; New Market Honor Guard 3,2; Montpelier Dedication 3; Hop and Floor 3,2,1; Cadet Assistant 2,1; Phi Psi Liberator.

I was once told that one never appreciates home so much as when he leaves. I guess I can expect the same from VMI. I know I have learned many lessons here, more than anyone deserves. However it is hard to appreciate any institute whose motto is "Anything that does not kill you will make you stronger". I do realize my lessons in responsibility, honor, integrity and respect will last longer than any petty differences with the system. VMI may not be perfect, but it is what you make of it.

I will be the first to admit I could not have made it through VMI without help. Most notably, thank you Mom and Dad. Your love and support was there when nothing else was. For that I will always be grateful. Joe, thanks for putting me up those weekends. However, just because I'm graduating doesn't mean I'll stop coming around. Chris, study hard since your chance at college will come soon.

James, Mike, Bob, Harlan, Seth and Larry, admit it, we've had fun. You all have taught me the difference between friends and acquaintances.

No, Capt W. I was not trying to unionize the Corps.

**DYKES-1986 Bryan Amsel**  
— 1992 Michael Teates



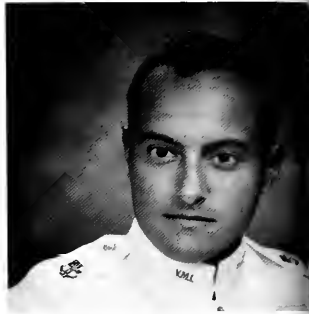
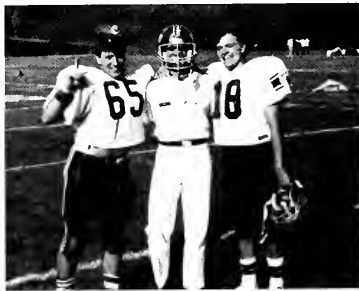
**Robert William Davis**

**Batlet, Country-Bumpkin, Bighouse**  
U.S. Army-History/English  
Radford, Virginia

Football 4; Law Society 4,2,1; Republican Club 3,2, Pres 1; Investment Group 2,1; Them Haters Club 2; Hoetel 102-Proprietor; Rhonda's Romper Room 2; English Society 3,1; 12th Man 2,1.

When my grandfather was my age, his father brought him to VMI to inquire into the possibility of his son's enrollment into the Corps of Cadets. As legend has it the Director of Admissions' solitary response was, "UHUH... we'll take real good care of him!" Well, my grandfather had heard enough. It was enough to convince him to walk across campus and enroll into Washington and Lee. "B", as he was called, would go on to become a man genuinely loved by all (the highest of accolades in Virginia) and would live long enough to see the above mentioned scenario replayed again by his grandson except this time with a twist, I stayed. The best years of my life have been spent at VMI and my best memories are those of my time here. I can't begin to express the magnitude and sincerity of my appreciation for all the support I have received over the years. Mom and Dad-your sacrifices cannot be quantified. I LOVE YOU and hope you are proud of your accomplishment. Debbie-chin up, my Love for you doesn't end at LIMITS GATE. VMI has done more for me than can be visually perceived. My apprehensions about graduating have turned to ambitions for the future, if nothing else, VMI has instilled in me a sense of confidence in myself and in my ability. "B" used to say that a VMI man stood just a little higher than others. God Bless you, we miss you down here. I'm ready to enter the ranks of Alumni.

**DYKES-Tim Bailly**  
— 1992 Clark Minnigerode



**Pedro DeJesus**

**Army-Electrical Engineering**  
Washington, D.C.

Martial Arts 2,1; Bomb Outrage 1,4,3,2,1.

In the years spent at VMI a cadet would "What the hell are they trying to teach. One is baffled by this question for years, confusing and harsh struggle from beginning to end. You know that it will be good for when it's over. One thing is for sure cannot make it alone.

I've got one more year to go. Most BRs are leaving this year so to them I good luck. To my dykes this (89+3) and year (89+4), you have no idea what is on your way but I guarantee that it will go fast it will leave your head.

Mom and Dad, I love you. You are the VMI parents there are. I thank you for put up with my grades and my hardships.

**DYKES-1986 Tom McGinnis**  
— 1992 E. VanDuren, B. Johnson





**Kent Lee Doane**

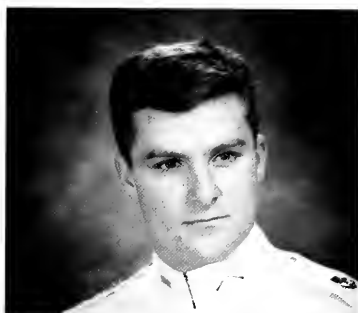
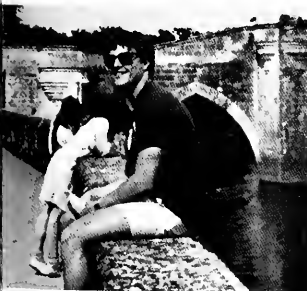
Clown, Townie  
Army-History  
Lexington, Virginia

osse 4,3,2,1; Paris 2; Barracks Cocktail  
3; Sink Dwellers 1; Clown Corner 3,2;  
ber 1 Club; Sale Family Scholarship  
1; Tutor 1.

hile I sit here trying to write this essay, mem-  
of my last three years come floating by! I  
mber walking over here on matriculation  
wishing I had not stayed out so late the night  
e. Meeting my roommates for the next year.  
eith, you were a great roommate and still  
good friend. Good luck man and stay in  
t. The Bruce, my dyke, you set a good ex-  
e. Good luck. To Dan, whose love of logical  
rior sometimes led him to act most illog-  
y, you're a good guy, stay in touch. To Paul  
Wayne, you two taught me new levels of  
nce. Thanks, I guess.

en we were thirds, and I found two room-  
en for the next three years. To Turtle, who  
I give you the shirt off his back (moaning  
y all the time), and to Buzzard, who always  
y new way of interpreting things (usually in  
vor); Thanks for putting up with me while I  
in confinement. I enjoyed living with ya'll.  
in touch you clowns. Thanks to the Har-  
n's the Settles, the Hays, Col. and Mrs. Da-  
nd the Reeds for everything, and special  
s to Mom and Dad for sending me to Paris,  
or my car, and for helping me through some  
times. Finally I would like to say I am going  
aduate ON TIME, and more importantly,  
wing anybody anything, except debts of  
ude to those mentioned above. VMI is a  
school, but I'm glad I'll be gone soon.

KES-1986 Bruce Tolley  
-1992 Charlie Enochs



**Ian James Dolan**

Short Man, Inch High, Squats  
Army-History  
Ramsey, New Jersey

Cpl 3, Sgt/1st Sgt 2, Cpt 1, Band Co. Com-  
mander; Rat training 4,3,2; Ring Figure Color  
Guard 3; Cadre 2; RDC 1; No Musical Talent  
4,3,2,1; Bad Grades All; OGA Favorite 3,2,1;  
Booze Cruise 4,3,2.

As this academic nightmare comes to an end I  
have only to thank those people who have made  
this experience, and my life thus far, a mean-  
ingful time. To my family: James and Valerie,  
Valerie and Jenna, I give all my love and thanks.  
Without you there would have been no way! To  
my dear friends, Dave, Corinne and Jumpin Josh,  
thanks for being there on the home front. To all  
the men of VMI who will forever be in my mem-  
ories I thank you. To the 190 crew, Mike, Derek  
and TJ-You guys are the best! Thanks for putting  
up with me all these years. To all the men in Band  
Co. I hope I "done" you right as CO this year.  
Stick with the company and keep up the hard  
work. To all the New Jersey cadets. I salute you.  
We came down here and taught these  
REDNECKS a few things. The men I must thank  
the most are my roommates. For 3 or 4 years we  
have lived together. Though it has not been a  
picnic, I would not trade you guys for anything.  
Charlie, Jose, Wuzzer and Darrin (my sole sur-  
viving roommate of 4 years) you are my brothers  
and will always be. VMI has been a worthwhile  
experience for me. I can't say that I would do it  
over again, once was enough, but I know that I  
made a smart decision 4 years ago. Now it's late  
and Robby Hoar and I must go study for a  
"Crash" test!

Hey Turtle, Clown and Buzzard-You Squat to  
p —

DYKES-1986 Tom Kardos  
— 1992 Bill Demet, Cpt John Brodie



**Quinn Patrick Donovan**

Shlunk  
Army-Civil Engineering  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Football 4; Swimming 4; Water Polo 3,2,1  
Club President; ASCE Student Chapter and  
National Member; American Water Works  
Association; Platoon Lt 1, Sgt 2, G Co.

These past four years have gone by faster  
than I expected. It seems not too long ago I  
was a scared little rat. Now I'm getting ready  
to leave VMI, but I will not forget all the  
memories of this place. They will stay with me  
forever and remind me how special this place  
really is.

Fitz and Rick, thanks for putting up with me  
these past years. You guys made this place  
bearable.

It was not so bad living with a turtle and an  
ostrich. Lowell and John, you two have been  
my best buddies. I love you both. I will treas-  
ure our friendship always. I guess us Vikings  
have to stick together. We will go our separate  
ways but we will not grow apart. Rick, Thank  
you for everything. You are the best big brother  
and friend anyone could ask for. I will miss  
not having you around. Coley, I'm glad you  
came here. I feel I've grown closer to you. I'm  
proud of you. Melissa, your love and devotion  
kept me going these past four years. The dis-  
tance only made our love stronger. Mom, your  
prayers and candles helped get me through.  
Thank you for all the love and support you  
gave me. Dad, I made it! I could not have done  
it without you. Your selfishness and hard  
work made everything possible. Most of all  
you taught me nothing worth a damn ever  
came easy. I love you.

DYKES-1986 Dan Whalen  
— 1992 Larry Nevel





**Sean Joseph Dooley**

**Body  
Navy-Economics  
Alexandria, Virginia**

Trident Society 4,3,2,1, President 1; OGA 1; TCFC 89; VMI Investment Group 3,2, Vice President 2; Wrestling 4; Circle K 2,1; Fire Fighters 3,2; Virgin Private; Society of Young Economists 3,2,1.

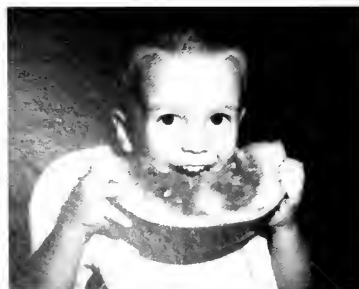
So it's finally coming to an end. College. The best years of my life . . . Maybe not. I am writing this for myself as much as anyone. So when I get old I don't get stupid and think this was fun. Here's what VMI is like to me today. I've just been boned for 23 demerits in two days and I am teetering on the edge of Conduct Pro. I've been trying to fill out my Navy Dream Sheet for three days and do not know where my career is going. I've just taken my flight physical and just been told my vision has gone from 20/15 to 20/200. My overriding emotions are anxiety and fear . . . but I know I'll be all right.

I'm sure because I know my family and friends will be there as always. Mom and Dad will support me through anything. Mary Anne is always a phone call away. Tommy, Vince and the boys will make me laugh and forget my troubles. And then there are my all important runs to W&L. THANKS.

Vince and Tommy, you've made it as good as it gets. John, our '88 holdover, you've gotten me into and out of trouble for four years. Nice turn coming back from C'ville. I can look back at all the good times at Goshen, after parade cocktails 3rd class year, the many roadtrips, and the multitude of times I ran the block, and honestly say I had a good time. Good luck to my BRs. I know I'm ready to move on.

Thanks,  
Sean

**DYKES-1986 Kenny Spain**  
— 1992 Neal Corson, Theo Androus



**Michael Doucette**

**Navy-Mechanical Engineering  
Toronto, Canada**

Lacrosse; ST2; Naval Aviators; ASME

Thanks Mom, I never would have made it if you had not believed in me. Your love and support have made all the difference. Lance, you have helped me in ways I can't count, you are a great brother. Dave, Dennis, Roug, thanks for being a great family. I can't forget gram, who else fights so well, no-one. Thanks, you are all the best.

RT, I owe you more than I think. You are always an inspiration. Adam, John and Russ, what can I say, you guys are great. Andy, I hope you can learn as much from me as I learned from my dyke. Neil and Chris, if I could have had any more brothers you would have been it.

ST2 operations brought on a little challenge and always a lot of excitement. The few-the proud-ST2. You know I'm in. Thanks guys, the boys have made all the difference day by day.

**DYKES-1986 R.T. Thompson**  
— 1992 A.J. Krug



**Steven Edward Druet**

**Navy-Civil Engineering  
Fredericksburg, Virginia**

Wrestling 4,3; Corporal 3, Ops Sergeant; Investment Club 1; Rat Training 1; The 3,2,1.

My feelings for the "I" have been full, but what I take from the "I" is far more important than money can buy, my honor.

While at VMI I have also learned the meaning of the word "Family". My family, one element in my life that makes me who I am without them and I'm nobody. Mom and I love you for what you have given me. I can say . . . I will do for my children what you done for me because I don't think it could be better.

As for my roommates, Andy H. and Bill, times we had will never be forgotten, but memories I have are only a small part of the we'll create in the future. Thanks for everything.

Sallie, we finally made it through and mean we. You've always been there (big hug all) when I've needed you. Although events taken place at the "I" that you couldn't understand why or what for, you've always supportive and understanding. Thanks for only supporting, but for also sharing my dream with me. I love you very much. John, you're many things my rat year, but the greatest thing you did for me was to be my friend. Luck in the Corps.

Jim always remember that the "I" will give nothing, so what you get you must take, so like HELL!! I hope that I did for you what dyke did for me. And don't become a potato.

**DYKES-1986 John Stevens**  
— 1992 Jim "J.R." Clotfelter







**Brian Patrick Duffy**  
Duff, Turtle, Duffmeister  
Air Force-Electrical Eng.  
Wilmington, Delaware

osse 4,3,2,1; Dean's List 4; Honor Court  
Prosecutor 1; IEEE; Founder of Clown  
er; Clown Corner 3,2; Sinks 1; Chris-  
r of the Sinks 1.

I sit here listening to the radio and try to  
k of what to say, many things come to  
t. There are so many people who I have  
along the way which have made this place  
what more bearable. It all started with  
lf, Brandon and Murph in ole room 485.  
about those Ustach proverbs at every  
party. Next was Tom and Kent, known  
all as Buzzard and Clown. The signs will  
own in history. Behind the two confused  
riors lie a good, no great couple of guys.  
is, when they are not at each other's  
at. Never, ever say yes to a mess.  
man. That's all there is to say. Keep the  
in" in its place. Drew, here's to some in-  
ble bashes and to Georgia. I'll see you in  
urf. Here's to all those I didn't mention.  
een real, not goodbye.  
twever a history of experiences wouldn't  
mplete without saying thank you to Dave  
Ned. Mom and Dad, I know I complain a  
guess it's in my blood. John, keep up your  
work. It pays off in the end. I think?  
y, you've done well so far. This time don't  
and see what happens.  
odbye VMI. The slayer of the Karma and  
uilder of men. The show must go on!

**DYKES-1986 David "Opie" Miller**  
— 1992 Chris Phelps



**Wayne Ross Eggleston**  
Eggman, Egg, Egghead  
Army-History  
Midlothian, Virginia

Ranger Platoon 4,3; Wrestling 2,1; Pvt  
4,3,2,1.

What is there to say in so short a space?  
These last five years have been beyond my  
wildest dreams. Having to sit out my first class  
year had to have been one of the worst times  
of my life. In the long run my year at VCU has  
opened my eyes to the reality of the real world  
and has helped me to appreciate what VMI  
stands for. As I write this all of the great  
memories of many a road trip come back to  
me. To all of the guys like the "Beef Boys",  
Cloyd, Eric, and all the other psychos, thanks  
for the great times. The people I need to  
thank most are my parents and the rest of my  
family. You would be hard pressed to find a  
more loyal, supportive and loving bunch.  
Without them none of this would have been  
possible, all I can is thanks for everything.  
What does my future hold in store for me?  
Well, your guess is as good as mine at this  
point, but with my VMI experience behind me  
what else can suck as bad as the four years  
here? God bless you all.

"It has been an axiom of mine that the little  
things are infinitely the most important"  
Lord Arthur Conan Doyle

**DYKES-1985 Tom Underwood**  
— 1992 John Gerhard



**Gerald D. Ernst**

Gerry, Horsehead, Easter Island  
Army-Economics  
St. Joseph, Michigan

Rat 4, 2nd Cpl 3, Ops Sgt/Sgt/Pvt 2; Cadre  
3,2; Investment Club 3; 1st Pvt 1; Number  
One Club 2; Unauthorized Motorcycle 3,2,1;  
Unauthorized Car on Post 2; SOP Squad 321;  
Martial Arts Club 1; HMWHC 4321; Bull  
Moose Club 1.

VMI, what a place! I can honestly say I had a  
good time. Rat year started off with a bang by  
losing 4 of my 6 roommates. Third class year was  
made a whole lot better by the addition of my  
motorcycle. Sanity was retained by those long  
rides on the Road to Nowhere. I figured 2nd class  
year was the year to party so the SOP Squad,  
consisting of myself, Big Bob, Hal, Li'l Bob,  
Craig, John and Elliot consistently piled into that  
unauthorized POV and followed the Road to  
Somewhere. That year also brought me the dis-  
tinction of being the only cadet ever to be boned  
for "Drunk in bed". I love Old Corps #1s.  
Thanks BR Lindsay. 1st class year-bah! Same sh  
—, different year. Thanks to the Governor, the  
SOP Squad was back in action. However, my  
dykes parting words came back to haunt me.  
"Study Rat" was my motto. I just hope it pays off.

With this I'd like to thank my parents for  
putting up w/ my inability to write home and  
putting me through this place; my dyke for teach-  
ing me the value of study; Lennon-my current  
and rat roommate-for the late night psychoa-  
nalysis; Eric Davis for showing me the library can  
be a lot of fun; the SOP Squad for reminding me  
I'm still young-Jon and Elliot carry on the tra-  
dition; and most importantly, the "I" for showing  
me the way to manhood. In the words of that  
legendary actor, "I'll be back".

**DYKES-1986 Dan Kirby, Jim Shanley**  
— 1992 Jeff Martin





**Ashley Armstrong Fairchild**

**Ash, Country, Snuffy Smith  
Civilian-Economics  
Buena Vista, Virginia**

Rat 4, Cpl 3, Pvt 2, Pvt 1; Young Republican 1; BV Club 4,3,2,1; Academically Extinguished 4,3,2,1; JMU Weekend Warrior 3,2,1.



**Thomas Patrick Fanshaw**

**Tom, TP, Teep, Fan, Fernshaw  
Navy-History  
Glyndon, Maryland**

Rat 4, Cpl 3, Sgt 2, E Co XO 1; Hop and Floor 4,3,2; Rat Training 1; Cadre 2; B-H Partiers 3,2,1; Summer School 4,3,2; FCSA Club 3,2,1; Academically Undistinguished 4,3,2,1.



**Daniel James Fitzgerald**

**Fitz, Fathead  
SS-Mechanical Engineering  
West Chester, Pennsylvania**

Swimming 4,3,2,1; ASME 4,3,2,1.

After all of these years here I have many memories I'll never forget. There are friends which will leave a lasting impression on me and self righteous jerks that I can't forget soon enough. I've learned a lot from this place. I've learned you can't get through life alone. Without the help of my roommates, family and a girlfriend, this place would have been completely different. So guys, thanks! Mom and Dad, Thanks! Debbie, Thanks, for you all being there when I needed you! I guess the good times stick out more than the bad. The times of having parties in 217 with Francis, Rican, Gheenster, Mezzo, Paulee, Puppy and others passing by for a cool, refreshing drink. The Big Man and those killer workouts, not to mention those Leamy-Man parties are something that not too many people have experienced! All of those JMU weekends that have kept me sane and that continuous cash flow from BV. I can't put enough thank yous behind this. For all that the two MUP's that are the greatest you two must be into having somebody bug the Hell out of you for money, but if you're not then you know that I love you guys from the bottom of my heart! So thanks Paulee thanks for 2nd class year and Debbie, if you only knew your importance to me! Thanks for all the memories! I'll never forget the past two years with Ship and Frank. It has been a wild and crazy time out, I think we had fun.

**DYKES-1986 Mark Laughton  
— 1992 Mike Vass**



All those looking for wisdom in this class history should stop reading now, there will be none. I have learned many things, and forgotten just as many.

I can safely say my years at VMI have been interesting. Starting from that first day. Rat year was terrible and I can say I would never do it again. 3rd class year was only a little better and that is all I'll say. 2nd class year brought much greater happiness. Not only my ring but I finally got engaged. A good year to say the least. Finally 1st class year is here and I will miss the friends I have made.

All I can say to my roommates is thank-you. You made this place much more bearable. Matt, Derek and Todd, take care and good luck to all of you.

To the rest of the fellas, well the times were good and they will continue. Let's get a keg and do nothing but get drunk.

To VMI, thanks for the diploma.

To my family, words are not enough to describe how I feel. Mom, Dad, Gram and Sug and Chuck, Thank-You, I love you all. Without your support I may not have made it.

Finally to Missy. You have put up with a lot and deserve the diploma as much as I do. The time has finally come, let's start our life together. ILY

**DYKES-1986 Dave Benhoff  
— 1992 Chuck Douglass**



I just want to take this space to say thank you to some important people who made graduation from this place possible. First, I would like to thank you Mom and Dad. You gave me a second chance when most parents would have ever have considered it. I owe you both my life, both present, past and future. I love both with all my heart.

To my fellow NEB late night crowd. Thanks for all the good times and the bad. Always seem to find something funny when I hit the fan. To Ledge and Birdee thanks for everything. You guys are proof that you can still have fun when nothing is going on.

To Tina, what can I say. You were there when I needed you, and even when I was tired and wanted to stop. You gave me great weekends to look forward to when I did not seem to be anything to look forward to. Thank you so much. I love you now and in the years ahead of us.

I am FREE.

Thank you for your support.

**DYKES-1986 Steve Thaker  
— 1992 Joe McGlunge, Gregg Ent...**





Matthew Theodore Folsom

Deputy, Burpo  
r Force (SS)-Electrical Eng.  
Gloucester, Virginia

Team 4,3,2,1; Captain 1; Private 4,3,2,1;  
2,1; Engineering Student Council 2,1  
surer.

that I'm in my final year (Thank God!),  
back and realize the driving forces which  
me going through the rat line and the  
academics of an EE. I owe to my parents  
hanks and love they so deserve, for with-  
them none of this would have been pos-  
Thanks to my roommates; John Gates, a  
EE whom I have lived with throughout  
cadetship, and Dan Schnock whom  
and I forgive for being a biology major.  
n't forget my co-dykes, Eric and Drew.  
warning. When you least expect it expect  
L-A-G! Hopefully George will be with us  
r final semester — now don't flag him  
Eric. Well Drew it appears you were the  
misguided one, but I'll forgive you.  
ould also like to thank the following for  
rt and friendship: Danielle, Uncle Al,  
Ricky, Rob, Billy, and all the EE's who  
o put up with John and me bickering all  
me. I cannot forget the Schnocks and  
ves who are so kind.  
nal cheer goes to the boys in 115, may  
ntinue to be the best of friends and may  
aths cross many times again. God bless  
l. Matthew Folsom.

ES-1986 Jay Ball  
1992 Jason Church (Mario)



Gordon Lawrence Fox Jr

Gordo, Short Pump  
Navy (SS)-Economics  
Richmond, Virginia

The Horsemen 3,2,1; Cadet Waiter 2,1; Com-  
puter Assistant 1; Circle K 2,1; Corporal (6  
weeks); Summer School 4,3,2.

I hope this is not a little to premature, many  
things can happen at the "I" between now and  
that long awaited day in the spring. Had some  
good times here with the fellas. Many crazy  
SOP's and Zollomans to remember or at least  
try to. One great inherent characteristic that  
can be credited to the VMI system is the  
friends one makes in the four year stay. To all  
the fellas-see you in the real world. Mark and  
the boys of 88-Key West is all I need to say.  
Good times were had by all!

MUTT-I'm at a loss for words, but  
Johnaton Wright still loves you, and the girls  
from SEM will never forget you.

DUBIE-There'll be many more. Next sum-  
mer we'll have to go west!

SLOB-Boo who, Daniel likes the other one  
too!

OFER-Conservative homebody, see you in  
JAMHALL.

Could not have made it with out you all.  
Maybe the Captain will let the boys of 42 take  
a weekend together after graduation.

Dad, Mom, Cathy, Janet, Rose and Grand-  
ma you're the best family a kid could ask for.  
Thanks for all of your support.

DYKES-1986 Kurt Hedburg  
— 1992 Whiting Chisman



Steven Lee Frankel

Navy (SS)-History  
Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

Tanker Platoon 3; Master Sergeant 2; Delta Co  
XO 1; Investment Club 1; Cadet Caller 1;  
Achievers 2,1 and beyond.

VMI has been a long strange trip, but I have  
never once regretted my decision to come  
here. Why they had to put the Institute in  
Lexington, we will never know! However  
"Billy Jack" Raiford and I always managed to  
keep ourselves amused as long as we could find  
something to drink, burn, or both. We also  
managed to keep the boys in Rm 171 on their  
toes. Thank you Mom and Dad, for providing  
me the opportunity to change schools once,  
change majors 3 times, change military op-  
tions twice, and drive one 1983 Ford Escort  
straight into a tree! It will all pay off soon, I  
promise! Ziglar, in all of his energy and wis-  
dom, can never beat the old stand by, "There  
are only two kinds of people in this world, The  
Quick and the Dead." I am still alive and  
feeling "Fantastic!"

DYKES-1986 Put Wollcot  
— 1992 Sean Alewine





**Mark Franklin Frazier**

**Army-Mechanical Engineering  
Martinsville, Virginia**

Regimental Band; Pepband; Combat Engineers; ASME; Cpl 3.

I would first like to thank my parents for their support and love. I would like to thank my roommates and BR's for all their help through the past four years. I will never forget the friendships that I have made in this prison. I would also like to thank Dan, Zeke, and Bob for putting up with me, because Lord knows that I've been just as much of a pain as y'all. I hope y'all don't misunderstand me. What I am trying to say is I wouldn't trade these past four years with y'all for anything in the whole world. In other words, y'all and T.J. are the only people I am going to miss when I leave, which will be none too soon for me. As far as these past four years are concerned, you would have to make me King of The Universe to go through these four years again. And if I was King of The Universe I would blow the hell out of this place. As far as this place making a better man is concerned, I was more disciplined before I came here. As much as I despise and hate this place, I would beat the tar out of anyone who puts this place down. Because you can't say anything about this place until you have spent four years in this hellhole. The last thing I would like to say is I pray to God that he will see me through this last year as he has through the last three, because there is no way in hell I am going to spend a fifth year here. Thanks again to my family, roommates, and BR's.

DYKES-1986 Jim Urie, 1985-Ray Cevera  
— 1992 Robbie Fincher



**Mitchell Harrison Fridley**

**Frid, Bodiddly, Rebel  
Army-Biology, English minor  
Covington, Virginia**

Private 4,3,2,1; Rod and Gun 3,2,1 (Pres); AFT 2,1; Hop and Floor 4,3,2,1; Republicans 3,2,1; English Society 2,1; Firefighter 2,1; Computer Assist 3,2,1; Bio Lab Tech 2; Lost Week '88; HMWHC 3,2,1.

"Sometimes it's Heaven and sometimes it's Hell, and sometimes I don't even know." — Willie Nelson

As long as I can remember, my family's had season tickets to all the home games, good season or bad. I've heard Dad tell all the Old Corps stories at least three times. I thought I knew everything and I wanted it. Encouraged by my father and Clint Hubbard '86, I matriculated and realized I didn't know the first thing about VMI. I was ready to leave, but something more powerful than I made me stay. If it weren't for my father, my mother, my Gram, and the rest of my family, I'd be a worthless "college boy" on a one-legged stool. I thank and love you all. So now I'm Old Corps. As someone once said, VMI men have no peers and cannot help but excel. We have been molded into that special kind of man; cocky and confident, worldly yet reactionary, aggressive yet gentlemanly. We are a different type of brotherhood that only we understand. I enter the world excited, confident, ambitious, and fun-loving. I hope I can be half the man my father is.

In parting, family and all the fellas, thanks for dragging me through and good luck. Hey dykes, chin up and simply do your best.

"Have you ever noticed that the narrower the view the more you can see?" — Walker Percy "Lancelot"

DYKES-1986 Robert T. Nussey Jr.  
— 1992 L. MacGregor, S. Richardson



**Darrin Lee Galleo**

**Guyo, Pvt, Sgt, LT, Sney  
Army-Civil Engineering  
Roanoke, Virginia**

Baseball; Airborne School; CTLT; Commers; Sgt 2; LT 1; Sink Dweller.

A part of the history of the "I", so Y VMI? I thank you Mom and Dad and all that were a part of my life (Ian, Charles, and Wuz) during times of cheer and tears. Now we are a part of the test that entered gates and survived the test. You know could have chosen the easy life, but our I and friendships we let not fly, cause we the hymns "We never die!". We lived by system, the pillars of the "I", that make the cobblestones we stumbled upon four alone, to later recognize them as one stone. YMI at VMI.

Thank you Father for your many blessings.

DYKES — 1986 Greg Weddle  
— 1992 Dean Ramsey





**John David Gates**

Jungleman, The African  
SS-Electrical Engineering  
Azrou, Morocco

Soccer; Soccer Manager; Member of  
EE; Member of Monogram Club; Vice Pres-  
ent of Engineering Student Council; Mem-  
ber of Officers' Christian Fellowship.

There's not much to say about VMI itself,  
the close and bonding friendships that I've  
formed here will always remain with me. My  
special thanks to my roommates, Dan (the  
eternal optimist) and Matt (a loyal companion  
through the many late nights of EE studying).  
My family I extend my deepest heartfelt  
gratitude for your support. I'd now like to say  
thanks to the Schnocks, the Foltz, the Ham-  
monds and Uncle Al for the special times they  
shared with me. To my Brother Rats, thank  
you and may God bless you.



**Robert Carleton Gates**

Rob, Bob, Gator, Scoop, Pie-Boy  
Army-Civil Engineering  
Tucker, Georgia

Wrestling 4,2; Third Class Finance Commit-  
tee 3,2; Canterbury Club 4,3; Cpl 3; LNA 2;  
Block Runners Inc 4,3,2,1; Fratbusters 3;  
Summer Scholar 3,2; Twelfth Man (Ga.  
Tech); Number One Club (CIC, GIB, AIB,  
\*CONF) 3; Hollins Crew.

If VMI has taught me one thing, it is to be  
thankful for who I have met, what I have done,  
and what I have gotten away with. To those who  
were in 416: T.J. I guess you were serious about  
Regimental Staff. Steve, it took a while but you  
joined the rankless as a first. Justin, good luck  
where ever you are with whatever you're doing.  
To Paul and Tom in room 355: We found out it's  
true what they say about thirds, at least we know  
it was on our floor (thank you Randy) To 218: We  
shared some late nights with little sleep, but we all  
enjoyed the room. Thanks Raff. (I think) Raf,  
Tom and Gary: O-F ball was really fun, and thank  
you for getting me fat again! Hey Gary has the  
stick run? Want to go get a couple of pitchers?  
Tom, Happy Birthday. Can we listen to the Doors  
just ONE MORE TIME? Thanks to all my room-  
mates, Y.D. and Gary you are my brothers.

To the girl who not only put up with the ratline  
but three years of VMI rules, thank you for being  
patient. I look forward to a lifetime with you. Yes,  
I still blame you for the number one. (Just kid-  
ding) Who would have ever guessed you were my  
best friend's date? Tim and Tom, it's a wonder we  
graduated from high school. Greiner, Greiner,  
Gates Mom and Dad: Penalty tours do not make  
one a bad person, nor do demerits, confinement  
or talks with the Commandant. Trouble was al-  
ways my middle name but at least I graduated.  
DON'T WORRY-BE HAPPY.



**John R Gentry**

John, Gentry  
Navy-History  
Bishopville South Carolina

VMI Theatre now and then; English Society 1;  
History Majors taking ridiculous technical  
courses 3,2,1; Miscellaneous other stuff in-  
termittently; Private 4,3,2,1.

After several years it seems that I sometimes  
forget that deadlines do come quickly. I had  
planned on this being simple and elegant; now  
simple must suffice.

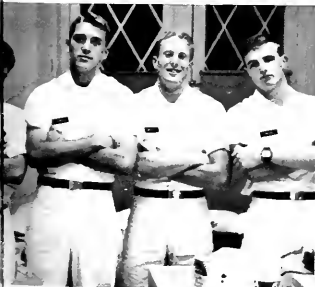
VMI has taught me much, and I have  
learned even more from the things I was  
taught. I have learned by and of the system.

I have felt limited by VMI's shortcomings,  
but must admit that, in later life, I will find  
useful many of my experiences here. In many  
ways I will need to make up for lost time, but  
in other's I am ahead. I have been provided a  
base and some tools useful for building upon  
it.

My sincere thanks and deeply felt gratitude  
to those who have helped me to persevere and  
to see, and also to those who will do so in my  
next (unavoidable) year here.

I need not be vague; I shall be specific.

DYKES-1987 John Freeman  
— 1992 Lambert CC, Clarke JS



DYKES-1986 Charlie Schoen  
— 1992 M. Kirkmire, S. Peterzell





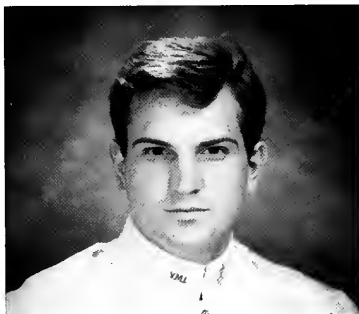
**Kenneth Jon Gheen**

**Gheenster, Gheener, Chuck**  
Special Student-History/Psych  
Leesburg, Virginia

Cpl-Busted; Sgt-Busted; F CO RDC-Busted; Dean's List 3,2; News & Features Editor-CADET 1; Number One Club; College Republicans 3,2,1; Pre-Law Soc. 2.1 Vp 2; Circle K 3,1; HMWH 4,3,2,1, Pres 1; Wed & Sat Cross-Country Rod & Gun Club 4,3,2,1.

When I first applied to VMI, my stepfather said I wouldn't last two weeks. Well my friend, two weeks have long since come and gone, and now just a few months stand between me and graduation. It hasn't been easy or fun, and I've had lots of help along the way, but it's almost over now, and then I can say I've done what so few others have. Mom, Dad, Russ, Dana, Gramps, Gheen, and Granny, you all made it possible and supported me all the way. You have done so much, but all I can say is thanks, and your support has not been in vain. Mezzo, you're the greatest and I couldn't have made it without you. Jake, we've had some good times together and I'm sure the future holds a lot for you. Paulie and Frank, you guys kept me laughing through it all — Conduct Pro, confinement, PT's, and even when the rest of the Corps got amnesty and I was left as one of three on confinement; a guy couldn't ask for better friends. Nord and Roosh, words weren't meant to describe you, so I won't even try. Ship, Ash, Rock, Jason, and everyone else I don't have room to mention — thanks, it's guys like you who allowed me to keep some degree of sanity. John, John, Ross, Snort, and Pete, you all made Oxford a blast — best of luck. Kev and Matt, I know I'm not the best role model, but you seem to be doing fine — keep it up. As a final word, I want to thank VMI for introducing me to the best guys anyone could ever meet.

DYKES-1986 Paul Mitchell, Randy Ward  
— 1992 Kevin Bourke



**James Granger Gilbert**

**"JUMP"**  
Special Student-History  
Sandston, Virginia

As little effort as possible! Sleeping, some rugby, Beer, running, Disliking VMI: Private.

Here it is Sept. and the academic year is well into its first semester. Every day I ask myself, "Why the hell VMI?" When no reasonable explanation comes to mind all I can think about is graduation in May. This "Hole" has definitely not been the college experience I expected, but I'm here now and salvation is just around the corner. The new friends I made and the old high school relations that were strengthened can never be replaced! Mike & Tommy Fisher, thanks for being the brothers I never had. All the times I jokingly said, "I hate you", a little voice inside of me was thanking God for bringing you and your family into my life! The things we've done and the trouble we caused is sick when you stop and think about it. Ah, enough of this sentimental BS. I hate you and I always will! Uncle Fester, Punge, & Don Jaun, what can be said for the hell we elected to put ourselves through? You helped me to mature in more ways than I have room to write and best of all, You taught me to laugh at the asinine foundation upon which VMI is built! As stated in the immortal words of Jimmy Buffet, "If we couldn't laugh we would all go insane." Billy, Steve, Allan & The Horsemen, the camaraderie that the GHETTO has installed in all of us can never die! Carl, you taught me well. Elvis, all the best, carry on the legacy. Mom, Dad, Kimberly, I LOVE YOU! I'm gone (I hope)!

DYKES-1986 Carl L. Gitchell  
— 1992 Tommy "Elvis" Christman



**John Richard Giltz**

**Shovelhead, Shovel, Shove, D!**  
U.S. Marine Corps-History  
Chaumont, New York

Rat 4, Cpl 3, Msgr 2, Cadet Captain 1; Cadet 4,3,2,1; Honor Review Committee 1; Rifle Figure Honor Guard 3; Bulldog 2; Boxer Team 3,1; Marine Corps Marathon 3; Semper Fi Society 4,3,2,1, President 1; Cadet Assistant 2,1; Lerch Fan Club 3,2,1; Academic 4,3,2,1 . . .

All I can say is that I'm glad it's over. It's been a long haul, but well worth the wait. It doesn't seem possible that I'm about to graduate from the Virginia Military Institute. I can't believe I'm sitting here writing about something that is months and 19 days away. As we have all learned "It ain't over until that final bugle blows!"

I leave VMI with great expectations. I have wanted to serve in the Marine Corps all my life and just the thought of leading America's most valuable asset into battle sends chills up my spine. I will serve, and possibly make the supreme sacrifice, as a VMI man. God bless the red, white and yellow!

Wayne, what can I say except "We finally made it, Bud!" You were always there when I needed you and then some. Mike and Bill — you know how I feel. Thanks for everything guys. I love you.

To my family: You should be walking the stage with me after all you have put up with. I love you all and hope I have made you proud.

Gioia, I love you more than mere words could express and I cannot wait to begin our life together.

Jamie, I miss you terribly and cannot wait to see you again so we can make up for lost time. I make you proud.

To my beloved Institute — Goodbye and SEMPER FIDELIS.

DYKES-1986 Dave McCarthy  
— 1992 Tedd Meury, Fitz Drummond





**John Calvin Glover**

Love-Kid, Townie, Turkey-J  
 Mechanical Engineering  
 Smithfield, Virginia

all 4,3,2,1; Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Monogram Club  
 Townie 3,2,1; ASME 4,3,2,1; Dean's  
 2; Breakout from Mallory Hall 2; Pres-  
 Party at the "Top of the Hill" Club  
 Charter Member DOA Frat 1; OCMNI  
 1.

would be an injustice for me to begin this  
 other way than by giving a Big Thanks and  
 to my Dad and Mom, who have  
 to me so many more times than I de-  
 d. Without your support, well I don't  
 want to venture a guess as to what I'd be  
 now.

I'm sure Jay, Scott, and Tag will attest that  
 could have used a roommate who snored  
 less, but I'm sure that I couldn't have  
 had any better cell-mates. We've been  
 through a lot of memorable times together,  
 some that I can't remember, more than a  
 of those occurring at the "HOUSE."  
 Thanks again Mom and Dad! I don't think  
 anyone would deny that there have been  
 good times had at "The House." Just ask  
 of the Diehards always in attendance:  
 Bob," "Mr Mell," "Duff", "Willy", the  
 ones, and as of late, almost anyone not on  
 nemment (almost), or willing to make the  
 Taps rendezvous.

ally, thank you Big Jim, Pati B, Lisa and  
 for sticking by me through all of this.  
 I'll know I tried my luck once, thank good-  
 it came to my senses, Right Lisa? Right!  
 Yeah, to all of you who got caught by the  
 at the graduation party last year, it was  
 in it, wasn't it Freddy?

ES-1986 Jeff "Townie" Smiley  
 1992 Warren Williams, Jere Brown



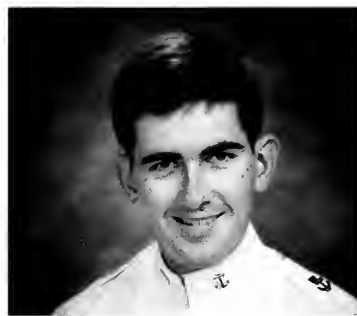
**Jason V. Gray**

J, Soc, Mole  
 Army-History  
 Virginia Beach, Virginia

Circle-K Club 1, Pre-Law Society 1, Religious  
 Council 1, Rugby 1

One can say that my stay at VMI has been a  
 rather different one. At times I couldn't de-  
 cide if I was coming or going, but I stuck it out  
 and finally made it. Many people have been  
 very supportive of me over the past few years,  
 and I don't know where to start thanking  
 them. I guess I should start by thanking my  
 parents who made it all possible for me. Dad,  
 thank you for all your time and effort in help-  
 ing me get through this place. Mom, your love  
 and laughter gave me a needed lift when I was  
 down. My thanks is not nearly enough for  
 what you both have done for me. I love you  
 both so very much. To the rest of my family,  
 Steve, Lauren, and Robin thanks for putting  
 up with me. Now to all of my friends that VMI  
 has given me; Mike, Scott, and Steve, no one  
 could have better roommates than you three. I  
 will never forget you. To the fellas of 117 and  
 126, we have shared some great times, I can't  
 wait til we meet again. To Biv, Raf, and Kuhn  
 RA thanks for listening and being there. Bayo,  
 you will always be a part of us. I'll miss eve-  
 ryone of you that has shared these short col-  
 lege years with me at VMI. To my dykes, hang  
 in there, it only gets worse. Finally I thank my  
 Lord and Savior who gave me the strength  
 and courage to make it through this place.  
 Good luck to all my brother rats. Good Luck  
 and best wishes. God Bless.

DYKES-1986 Roman Malavet  
 — 1992 David Downs, Steve Weeks



**Joseph E. Grealish**

Joe, Ghoulissh  
 Navy-Mechanical Engineering  
 Yorktown Hts., New York

Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Capt 1: Newman Club 4,3,2,1,  
 President 2; Semper Fi Society 4,3,2; ASME  
 4,3,2,1; Jarhead 4,3,2; Squad 1; Hop-A-Long  
 Squad 4,3,2,1.

Well here I go trying to cram four years of  
 life into a paragraph. First and foremost, I'd  
 like to thank all of my friends for making these  
 four years bearable. I can't think of a better  
 group of guys. And to my roommates, past and  
 present; JSB, Bossman, Buddha, and TJ, ku-  
 dos to you all. It's been four years since we  
 matriculated, and sometimes I thought that  
 that the days would never end. Well they did  
 and now it seems like they were too short. I  
 can't say that I have always enjoyed it here or  
 that I couldn't stand it, but my memories from  
 here will be among my favorite. The time has  
 come to leave 17 years of school and go out  
 into the "real" world. Everybody wonders  
 how they'll do and if they'll accomplish any-  
 thing. Who knows? Everybody just hopes to do  
 well and I think that coming from here helps  
 alot.

I'm running short on time, so in closing I'd  
 like to thank my family and wish all of my BR's  
 the best of luck. See you in 5 years!

DYKES-1987 Mark Lund  
 — 1992 Shannon Terhune







**John C Gregory**

**Jota BD Pipe RUNDJC**  
Army-History  
Richmond, Virginia

Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Batt S-5 1; Football 4,3; Track 4,3,2,1; Promaji 4,3,2,1; Circle K 1; Honor Court 2, Pres. 1; Military Order of World Wars 2; Black Knight 4,3,2,1.

By the Grace of God, the mighty bond of the Black Knights, a little bit of luck, and a whole lotta lovin' from Mommy and Daddy, I find myself at the threshold of manhood. I am a VMI MAN. In four years I have witnessed the good and the bad of this precious Institute. Long live the HONOR, DIGNITY and BROTHERHOOD of VMI, but let the HATRED, JEALOUSY and the PREJUDICE die in Hell. However, through the good and the bad, there is the constant and the sincere. Mom and Dad, blood, sweat nor tears and certainly not mere words could ever express my feelings for you. You have given me everything my little heart desired, but most of all you have given me pride. Pride in being Black, pride in being an American, and most of all pride in myself. You have sacrificed your dear lives to better mine. May God bless you. Stephanie and Kim, you will always be my little sisters. I will always be there for you. Knights, we have built a friendship that is stronger than steel and more sacred than life itself. Keith, Brian, Tracy and Mac thanks for the memories. Hang in there Dykes. Remember BELIEVE IN YOURSELF.

**DYKES-1986 Stephon Jones**  
— 1992 KC Brian Curtis



**George Benjamin Griswold**

**Ben, Gris, Potato Head**  
Navy-History  
Reston, Virginia

Varsity Diving 4,3,2; Monogram Club 3,2; Number One Club 4,2; Dismissed 2; Mr. Duncan Fan Club Co. Chairman 1; Penalty Tours 4,3,2,1.

"If it doesn't work out, there'll never be any doubt that the pleasure wasn't worth all the pain."

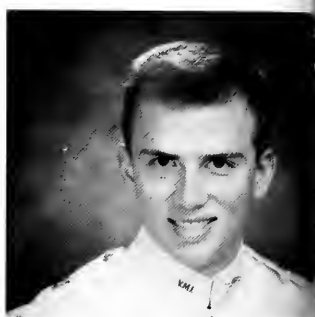
This modified quote best states my feelings about my four years at the Institute. Many times I felt my wheels spinning only to grind the clutch when trying to shift gears.

My rat year, though an unsuccessful one by many standards, was made bearable by the illegal good times that I had with Lord, King, God UT! Thanks. The third class year is not worth mentioning because it's the same for every cadet: an uneventful pain. All the misery that I had suffered the first two years is overshadowed by Ring Figure (Thanks Bob).

Tommy, Jay, and Sam, the years we shared were fun. If only I could have graduated with you. Rich, JC, and Chilt, I leave to you all the BS that drew to me like steel to a magnet. And Tom, keep heading the way you are and you'll surpass me in all of the good aspects of my cadetship. I wish you all the fun and luck that I never had.

My last year, if I'm allowed to have one (thanks Mr. Duncan), should be a good one if I'm allowed off Conduct Pro. At least I have John C. to rib me about my girlfriend (sound familiar Sam?) Dad, if I make it, it will be because of your love. Cyndee, you have helped me so much this year that I cannot tell you of my feelings, but you know.

**DYKES-1985 Mark Utke**  
— 1992 Tom Gnecco



**Sean Michael Halberg**

**Army-Economics**  
Herndon, Virginia

Pvt 4,3,2,1; Combat Engineers 4; Hop Floor Committee 4,3,2,1; Pistol Team 1; Pistol Team Captain 1; Ring Figure Magazine Staff 2,1; VMI Handcannon Club (IPSC Combat Shooting Team) 1.

There is no way to summarize what we have been through during the past 4 years. Both good and bad. Throughout there were always people by your side to help make it through when you could not succeed alone.

For helping me make it and survive the I'd like to thank my dykes (Richard, "Wag" Bob, "Mango" and J.J.) and my roommate the past four years.

But the most thanks goes to my parents who suffered through the bad grades, demerits, lousy excuses. Thank you for all your support. "I Love You!"

In closing I would like to thank Jennifer making the last two years here enjoyable, gave me something to look forward to. We ends, Hops, Road Trips, and of course Ring Figure. The best times of my cadetship have been spent with you.

I'll always love you.  
-Sean.

"Good Luck" Brother Rats. Long Live Class of 1989.

**DYKES-1986 Richard G Hill III**  
— 1992 Daryl T. Hammond





**Thomas Nelson Hamner**

Hamster, Haaamm, Stud  
SS-Civil Engineering  
Richmond, Virginia

TCFC '89; Car 4,3,2,1; 155 Romper Room;  
Chairman ASCE Trip Committee 1.

Where do you start? I don't know why I came here or more importantly why I stayed! I am sure that I will never regret it. Yes, we have made a lot of sacrifices our four years at the "I", but I have met some people I am proud to call my friends. Paul, Wayne, Mike, what can we say? We have had some really good times-Ring Figure, Hops, Corps Trips, Germany, Spring Break, RMWC, W&L, MBC, Lem, Hollins, UVA Coeds, Moore Head City, Charleston, and the list could go on. Paul, thanks for putting up with me for the last three years-I'm glad I could help you with your "problem" 3rd class year. Mike, we had fun 2nd semester 2nd class year. I'm glad you moved in. Wayne-there is no need to say anything. Joe, where ever you are, "Thanks", you helped me out when I was a mere "Rat". To my friends at W&M, you did not think I would make it. PSYCHE!! Least but definately not just I want to thank my parents. Mom and Dad, I know y'all wanted me to go somewhere else, but you let me decide and you stood behind me. What more could I ask for? Clay and Nancy, thanks for making my cadetship a little easier. Love you all.

DYKES-1986 Joe Dekeyrel  
— 1992 Bill Woodward



**Michael Wayne Harding**

The Gator, Hardbox  
Air Force-Economics  
Mechanicsville, Virginia

Sports Medicine 4,3,2; Virgin Private; Cadet Assistant 1; Number One Club 3; The Gator 3,2,1; Crumb Sessions 3,2,1; Circle K (paid dues, never went).

What can I say, it's all coming to an end. I never thought I would ever be writing my First class history. This is the light at the end of the tunnel. Whether or not the "I" has produced another citizen-soldier remains to be seen. The Institute has given me a lot of memories, some I wish I could forget. It instilled in me a sense of honor, something necessary for survival here. The friends I have made here can't be replaced. Brett, you are probably my closest friend. You have taught me more about myself than you will ever realize. How about some of those wild weekends we have had? How we never got in more trouble is a miracle. Shotz, I wish we could have done all four years together. Brett and I would have corrupted you yet! Alas the "dudes" in 214! What a triol Remember all those ruthless crumb sessions? Nothing was spared (Look out, Luds up). Bah! Don't forget all those endless Ludmerisms. Lud, I'm glad there is only one of you. Don't worry, we're all big guys here. What are you, 6'2"? To the people I owe the most-my family. I can't explain how grateful I am. Especially you Dad. You could have given up on me when I left, but you didn't. I'll never forget that. Mom, Dad, Donna, Kathy-you were a major factor in my survival here. I thank you and love you all. Rob, hang in there and keep that positive attitude. I have high hopes for you. ADIOS VMI.

DYKES-1986 Jeff Massie  
— 1992 Robert Johnson



**Derek William Harris**

Bo, DW, W, Big D, Bo-Bob  
SS-Civil Engineering  
Chesapeake, Virginia

I want to thank my parents for giving me the opportunity to attend college. Without their support and encouragement, I would not be writing this today. It has been a long uphill battle for me, but knowing I always had someone to turn to eased the struggle. Thanks Mom and Dad. I also want to thank my Rat roommates for always being there when I needed them. They made the ratline seem a little shorter and a little more enjoyable. To my roommates I had Second and First class year, I will always consider you to be three of my closest friends. And to Ed Herrington, thanks for being my tutor in practically every class.

Hey Todd, what's green and hangs on trees?

DYKES-1986 Brian Crowson  
— 1992 Anthony Brinckley





**Neal Alan Heimer**

**Mad-Dog, Nealski, Baby Duck**  
U. S. Marine Corps-Chemistry  
Oxford, Mississippi

Honor Court 1; Cpl 3, Color Sgt/Plt Sgt 2, A Co. CO 1; Semper Fi Soc.; HMWHC 4,2,1; Dean's List 4,3,2,1; Chem Library Assistant 2,1; Pessimistic 4,3,2,1; Stoop Minstrel 4,3,2,1; Slide For Life Cadre.

I came here four years ago looking for a challenge. Now I leave in search of another. I have no truly profound things to say. I haven't uncovered any universal truths here. I have worked and played hard, and it has paid off. VMI is my element, like a fish in water. Every time I've left I have always been more than ready to return. Some might say this is sick, but I can truly say that I enjoyed VMI. It sure hasn't been easy though.

I have yet to see a person make it through VMI by himself. Any person who tries to is a fool. There are so many things here to experience, not sharing them is a waste. Nat, Steve and Tom, here's to all the night's out, night's in, good times, and all of our futures. I guess part of the reason we get along so well is that we're all so different. No one could ask for better roommates.

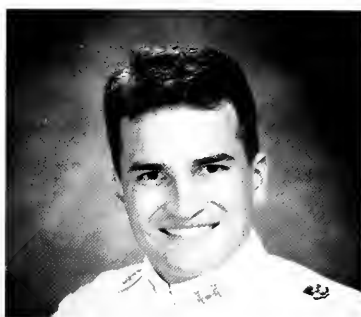
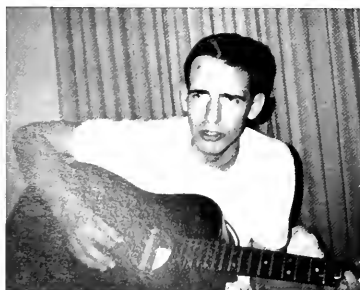
To my dyke-Keep it up!

To my parents: Thanks for your unbound love and support, even though you could not understand VMI.

To my Brother Rats: Thank you for entrusting part of the most sacred thing here to me.

Take Care-NAH

**DYKES-1986 Clint Hubbard**  
— 1992 Kevin Williams



**George Thomas Henning**

**Tom, Tommy**  
Army-Civil Engineering  
Roanoke, Virginia

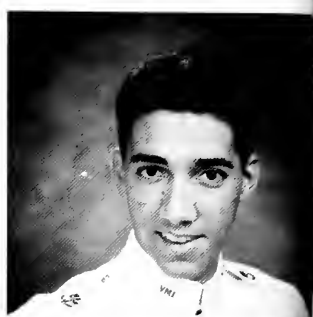
Pres. Posit Committee 1, Member 3,2; Editor Plug 'n Chug 1, Writer 2; Co-Chairman VMI Bloodmobile 1, Member 3,2; Chairman Ring Design Committee; Co. Cdr 1, 1st Sgt 2, Cpl 3; ASCE; College Republicans.

Well we finally made it!! Graduation, the ultimate goal of VMI, seemed as far away as Ring Figure as seconds and Breakout when we were rats. It is hard to look back on four years of VMI and summarize what this place means to me. The friendships that were made will be for a lifetime and we can always know the value of the vertical and lateral relationships that are characterized at VMI. Thanks for being there for me.

Most importantly, a big thank you to my parents. Dad-Thank you for the patience and understanding. Mom thank you for all those food boxes — I am real proud of you and I love you. Ed Gretchen, thank you for all the letters during Rat year. To Matt, good luck next year.

To my Brother Rats — See you in Moody Hall and here's to success and happiness.

**DYKES-1986 Troy V. Lanier**  
— 1992 Dallas K. Neal



**Thomas Loreto Hernandez**

**Tom, Tomas**  
Army-Mechanical Engineering  
Vienna, Virginia

ASME 4,3,2,1; Casualness 5,4,3,2,1; IH 4,3,2,1; Big Red Club 3,2,1; Asheville F Trip Crew 3,2,1; F Trooper and 1st Class Summer Scholar 86,87,88; Under Class Club 2; Confinement Kid 3; Good Guys 3

All I can say about my 4 years (and 3 summr at the "I" is that I'm glad it's over. This is college, it's an insane asylum. The regulation ridiculous and the way they're enforced is sner than any police state. Despite all the wash there is to put up with, I'm proud of I've accomplished and gone through. The things that make this place worth anything the ring, the sheepskin, and the boys.

This brings me to the best part of the "I" fellas. Paul, even though you're a redneck, you one of the best friends I'll ever have. Jim, you great friend as well. I'm glad I roomed with you for the last three years. To everyone (for which there are too many to name) thanks for the friendship and good times. Cuation is the 1st day of the best times of our let's do it right. Stay in touch.

Last but not least, Mom and Dad: Thank very much for all that you've done. There way I could ever do for you as much as you done for me. Thanks to your hard work sacrifice I have the chance for a bright future son is prouder of his parents than I am of you love you.

To my dyke; work hard, but sometimes have to say ... Good luck in your cade Bruce. Hey DeeDee, what's my girl doing urday nite? AMF

**DYKES-1986 Paul Boos**  
— 1992 Bruce Sawyer





**Edward Lee Herrington**

ettyboy, Seven, Woman, D.D.  
Navy-Civil Engineering  
Chesapeake, Virginia

4, Cpl 3, Ops Sgt 2, India Co. Commander  
Honor Roll 4,3,2,1; Academically Distin-  
ished 2,1; ASCE 3,2,1; College Republi-  
cans 3,2,1; RDC Sec. 1; Engineering Honor  
society 2,1; VMI Firefighters 2,1

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or why I came to VMI, but instead I would  
to take this opportunity to thank the people  
helped me get through this place. First,  
you have really helped me during my years  
at VMI. Having someone from home to talk to made  
a lot easier. Jerry, anyone who can put up  
my attitude for four years deserves a medal  
of honor. You have been the best friend anyone  
ever ask for. Fred, with all the hours we  
in the weight room trying to get big we  
became good friends, and I have enjoyed  
every moment. I also want to thank you and Jim  
being my rat roommates, I am sure if it wasn't  
all your pep talks I would be at Wake Forest  
now. As for Todd, Bill, John, J.P. and all the  
thanks for helping through all those long  
nights of studying and those long nights at Bal-  
cony. Thanks to all of you I have enjoyed my four  
years here.

ow for my family, Mom and Dad, you have  
been great. There is no way I could ever repay  
you for all you have done for me over the past 21  
years. I love you more than you will ever know.  
You have been really special over the last  
years. If it wasn't for all the letters and your  
constant support I would have never made it. I  
am sure someday I will be able to help you like you  
helped me.

AY GOD BLESS US ALL

KES-1986 Scott Gitchell

— 1992 Mike Dalton, Pat Rohan



**Robert Ignatius Hoar Jr.**

Cream-Puff, Lil'fella, Ferris  
U.S. Navy-History  
Upper Montclair, New Jersey

Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Pvt 4,1; Marathon 2; Big Boy in  
Training 2; VMI Summer School 4,2.

First, I need to thank Mom and Dad whose  
love and support helped me stay at this place  
so far from home.

Now, I must admit that there have been a lot  
of memories in the past four years. Some of  
them I don't want to remember and some that  
I just can't. Most of this is due to Big Pete (you  
white soda cracker) and Big Spud. It's always  
good to have a big daddy looking after you.  
Well that ain't nothin', let me tell you about  
the time... Sgt Ribshot, of course everyday of  
living with the yun-yun has been exciting.  
Unol! Unol! No matter what the rules say, I'm  
sure you'll find your own ways to cope. Hey  
Jack! School's over! You can stop studying!  
Some things that I won't forget were the wres-  
tling matches in Rm. 134 with Kanterhead,  
Pickethead, Billymac, and Scooter.

To Paul, Herbie (The Love Bug), and Lex,  
stick it out; it (can only?) gets better and the  
years go by quickly.

Now that I'm leaving the "I", I have one  
thing to say: Power Food!! Power Food!! I need  
some Lightning!! Zegactly ferfectly, come to  
my arms!

"And the train conductor says, Take a  
break, Driver 8, Driver 8, we've been on this  
trip to long."

"We got it!"

DYKES-1986 Scottie Ingram

— 1992 Herbert X Yang



**Andrew Hamilton Hoofnagle**

U.S. Navy-Civil Engineering  
Atkins, Virginia

Cross Country 4,3,2, Captain 1; Indoor, Out-  
door Track 4,3,2,1; Monogram Club 4,3; Scu-  
ba Club 2, Sec 1; FCA 1.

I came to VMI (college) to run Cross Country  
and Track. But that's not why I stayed here.  
When it was time to pick a curriculum, I looked  
back over my past academic performance-forgot  
about it, and pursued my interests. I made a bee-  
line for the C.E. Department through the M.E.  
Department. Ever since, my life has read like an  
A.I.S.C. Steel Manual-load, stress and strain on  
every page.

Dad, you constantly stood behind me, not in  
front. Thank you for having enough faith in me  
to let me have the reigns. I hope I never dis-  
appoint you.

Mom, VMI has given me a lot of what I read  
about. But I'll walk out of here with something  
infinitely more precious than anything in the  
catalog, and that's the time we spent catching up  
on the past.

Bubba, Dave and Paul, we've learned a lot of  
things during our cadetships and we'll probably  
forget a lot. But something we did learn is how to  
get along. None of us had much in common, we  
lived on top of each other, and at least one of us  
was always tired, but through mutual respect and  
friendliness we got along great. It was always a  
pleasure to come back to the room.

The Rat Pack, I've only known "you guys" for  
a couple months and I see an enormous amount  
of potential. You've got talent and personality.  
Remember, the team is yours. Do the right thing.

DYKES-1986 Scott Diel

— 1992 Marc Diel, Bryan Saunders





**Todd Allen Hooks**

**Navy-Physics  
Kittanning, Pennsylvania**

Cpl 3, Sgt 2, 1st Batt S-3 1; Cadre 2,1; Rifle Team 4,3; Society of Physics Students 4,3,2,1 Vice President; Dean's List 3,2; Cadet Assistant 1.

The first time I heard of VMI I said, there was no way I was going there. A little less than a year later I was a rat wishing I was anywhere but at VMI. Now I'm preparing to graduate. Looking back at the time I spent at VMI I notice a lot of changes in myself and in friends. It's hard to describe these changes, but they are unique to VMI. I guess it's the same thing that makes you love the "I" after you've left. It has all been worth it.

There have been some good times spent here. Mallory Hall will never be the same. With the help of fellow Physics Majors Lu, Tom and John every sport imaginable has been played. I hope the classes that follow uphold the tradition. My roommates: (459, 305, 205, 105) We went through a lot, Good luck Ed and Gerry. For my Mallory Hall roommate, Good luck when you return to China Lu.

To my Mom and Dad, Thank you for everything. Without your help and support I would never have made it. I hope you both know how much you mean to me. To everyone else who has helped me (especially my grandparents), Thank you.

**DYKES-1986 Matt Baker**  
— 1992 Dwight Smith, Mike Arness



**Joseph Luke Hurley Jr.**

**Air Force-Economics  
Charleroi, Pennsylvania**

Football 4,3,2,1 (Co-Captain); Monogram Club 3,2,1.

Grandpap, thanks for helping me make that big decision to come to this place. Dad, thanks for all the advice and coaching me weightlifting in the cellar. I'll miss it. Also making all the games meant a lot (Booing a turn-around to the Citadel). You're the greatest! Mom, your caring, understanding and love carried me through, especially during those tough goodbyes. I love you! Patrick, I missed you these past four years, and you're the best bro anyone could ask for. Gram, thanks for all the cookies and love. Nana, I'm sorry you couldn't make it down but I understand. You're in my prayers, and I love you.

Also, I thank all my friends and relatives for coming down to a football game. I appreciate it! Derrick, Riggy, and Aubrey, what can I say, except that you are the definition of true friends. Thanks. Beau, Todd, Mike, Doug, and Byron keep you heads up. Spaz, Oger, and Kause, couldn't have done it without you homos! Thanks Keith, Mac, Tracy, Brian, J.C.

Sheri, oh my, you have made the last two years here great and you'll make the rest of my life great too! You've put up with a lot and I appreciate it. There's no one like you! Remember we are the best of friends and I love you! Finally I thank God for being with me every step of the way, because without him I would not have done it. Again, thanks everyone!

**DYKES-1986 Mike Necessary**  
— 1992 Perfetti, Robinson, Crowell



**Thomas Benjamin Inga**

**Inga, Kenbridge Kid  
Army-Civil Engineering  
Kenbridge, Virginia**

Dean's List 4,3; Rugby 3,2,1; Football 4,3,2,1; Heart 3,2,1; Distinguished Military Student; ASCE; Plt Lt 1; Illegal Car 4,3,2; Room '06 Alcohol Society 4,3; George Dickel Fan.

VMI has put me through the ratline, peatours, confinement, Saturday classes, information... The list could go on easily. I'm here to tell you that somehow it was it. Matty Bo, Staff, Mad Dog, I could not ask for better roommates and friends. I'll never forget all the wild times we've had. Life at VMI was made fun, crazy, and many times dangerous by all my friend brother rats. Many thanks!

There is no way I could ever repay family for all they have given me and meant to me. I have never seen anyone more love and support to a family than Mom and Dad. Owen, George and Walla, the best and will definitely succeed in everything they do. I know dad would be proud.

If someone asked me "If you had a chance would you do it over again?", I would lay his face; but deep inside I know I would, is the best place to be from.

A special thanks goes to Col. Jamison Gay Elmore.

A good luck goes to George, Kelly, S. Foots, Mark, Dino, and the rest of the Class. And a goodbye goes to VMI.

**DYKES-1986 Gay Elmore**  
— 1992 Dino Juguilon, Mark Crockett





**Jon Michael Jacobs**

Jake, Chin, JJ, Cheeseboy,  
Navy-Economics/Psychology  
Manassas, Virginia

Oggy (Match Sec.) 4,3,2,1; Cadre 3,2,1; Cpl  
Sgt 2, 1st Lt Golf Co XO 1; Investment  
Club 1; Circle K 1; Trident Society 3,2;  
MWH; No. 1 Club 4; Academically Extin-  
guished 4,2; Probatum Modus Operandi 4;  
UTIN.

"I shall overcome" was my first response to the  
heck we all experienced that first day, and I am  
proud to say that I have fulfilled that promise I  
made to myself. Through my experiences at the  
VMI, I have learned a lot about myself and my  
capabilities. VMI is both more and less than what  
I expected, but regardless, it has been a worthwhile  
experience I will always cherish. Once outside Limits  
I can only expect the best, and always  
overcome". I will remember a lot about VMI,  
my fondest memories will be about those who  
contributed to the good times and helped me  
endure the bad. Pat, Frank and Ashley — Thank  
you for putting up with me, we all finally made it  
to the other side — It's the wrong f-ing side! As far as VMI  
experiences, you were always on the wrong side. Mezzo-3  
years indeed indeedydeed. "It is not the  
strong who counts, or how the strong man stum-  
bled and fell, or whether the doer of deeds could  
have done them better. The credit belongs to the  
man who is actually in the arena, whose face is  
sweated by dust and sweat and blood, who strives  
valiantly, who errs and comes short again and  
again; who knows the great enthusiasm, the great  
devotion, and who spends himself in a worthy  
cause, and if he fails, at least fails while daring  
greatly so that he'll never be with those cold and  
timid souls who never know either victory or  
defeat". — "No Guts, No Glory."

DYKES-1986 Paul Burch  
— 1992 Mark Loving, Edward Mosher



**Raymond Thomas Jernigan Jr**

Tom, T, TJ, Meathead  
Army-Civil Engineering  
Suffolk, Virginia

ASCE 2,1; RDC 1; Academically Undistin-  
guished 4,3,2,1; Cpl 3-Busted, Pvt 3,2,1; No. 1  
Club 3; Barbarian Brother; Sink Dweller-Cell  
Block S-60; School O'Summer 3.5, 2.5, 1.5;  
Zolloman's Regular; Dead Head ???; Sgt  
Lane's Death Squad-AFT.

"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I —  
I took the road less traveled by,  
and that has made all the difference." — Frost

What can I say about VMI that hasn't already  
been said? I guess I could say I thoroughly  
enjoyed all four years, but then again we do have an  
Honor code. It really hasn't seemed like four  
years ... it's been more like forty years. There  
were some bad times, but the good far outnum-  
bered the bad. Coleman — thanks for all your help and  
humor, and co-Barbarian Brother JP thanks for  
helping me keep Coleman in line — maybe I'll get to  
Texas one day. Thanks for being true friends.  
Let's keep in touch. I'd also like to thank Col.  
Monsieur for always being there and getting me  
on the right track, and the Nurney's for all of  
their encouraging words and support. But most  
of all I am deeply indebted to my parents for  
without them, their love and support, none of this  
would have been possible. Thank you and I love  
you!

Good luck to all the guys in the Class of 1989  
and thanks for helping to create some great mem-  
ories of VMI. Memories that will last forever.  
Take Care! Hey Jason and Benny — Hang in there —  
Never say die.

"But before I go I've got one thing to say,  
It's better to burn out than to fade away." —  
Young

DYKES-1986 Jim McDonald  
— 1992 Jason Kight



**Stephen Mark Joern**

Ledge  
Navy-Mechanical Engineering  
Wyckoff, New Jersey

ASME Secretary 1987; ASME Vice President  
1988; ASME President 1989; National Engi-  
neering Honor Society 1988, 1989 Officer;  
Class Treasurer; Dean's List; Cpl 3, Ops Sgt 2,  
Reduced to the rank of private with prejudice  
(finally) 1.

I suppose I could use this space to defame  
VMI and let them know exactly how I feel  
about their "Fine Institution". I don't think I  
want to give VMI the satisfaction of receiving  
such words from me. So instead I dedicate this  
space to the people who know how I feel — my  
friends. To my roommates who put up with  
my messes and interesting habits for 3 years.  
Mike, Scott, Bayo and Jason, nobody could  
have better roomies — you guys are the greatest.  
Fitz, my favorite fathead, I still don't under-  
stand how you refrained from mutilating me  
at times. Rick, what can I say besides some-  
thing sarcastic? Some of my best times were  
with you and I'm sure we will inflict the Navy  
with the same grief we gave VMI at times.  
Oggy, here's to peace, love and understand-  
ing. I wish I had enough space to thank all my  
BRs who showed me that with enough im-  
agination a good time can even be had at VMI.

Words would not suffice for the gratitude I  
have for my family. I'm sure sometimes all of  
you wondered why you subjected yourselves to  
allowing me to go here. Mom, you were always  
there when I needed someone, I love you for  
being a friend as much as a mother.

The sun shines down from above and the  
grass is oh, so green ... It's a brand new day —  
Van Morrison  
Goodbye VMI.

DYKES-1986 Ted "Pig" Buczacki  
— 1992 Tony Sexton, Clinton Seybold





**Ronald Kevin Jones**

**Jonesie, Rock-Jaw, Redneck  
Navy-Biology  
Sandston, Virginia**

Vice-President Class of 1989; General Committee 4,3,2,1; Rugby Team 4,3,2,1; President and Co-Captain of Rugby Team 1; Disbanded Rugby Team 2; VMI College Republicans 4, Secretary 4; Cadre 3,2; Pvt 4, Cpl 3, Sgt 2, First Class Private 1.

I have had a great time over the past four years. Things around here at VMI are not always pleasant, but neither are things in real life always pleasant either. VMI taught me how to deal with the good and the bad. My roommates, Tom and Joey, have made this place bearable, and I could not have found two better roommates anywhere. I would like to thank all my rugby buddies, of teams past and present, for all of the good times that we had during my four years at VMI. I thank God above for giving me the strength to make it through VMI. I only wish that my brother Keith, and my Nannie, could be there to see me walk the stage, but I know that you two will be with me on that special day. Mama, Daddy and Susan-I know that it does not get said enough, but I love you. Your support and encouragement is what pulled me through here. Know that I will always be grateful for what you have done for me, and that I could not have done this without you. I love you. I wish the best of luck to all of my Brother Rats, and I hope that your lives will be filled with happiness and joy.

**DYKES-1986 T. Fitzpatrick, J. Wolfe  
— 1992 Churchill Bowles**



**Robert Wayne Jones**

**Baby Duck, Reg't Jones  
U.S. Marine Corps-Economics  
Lake Luzerne, New York**

4 Year Marine Corps Scholarship; Cpl 3, Ops Sgt 2, Reg't S-1 1; Vice President Semper Fi Society; Rat Training 4,3,2,1; Charter Member of the Clique.

As I sit to write this, my 1st class history, I've got to smile. It's a long way from being an out of shape, screw up rat, to being a First Classman, Cadet Captain, that's locked on for graduation and a Marine Corps commission. I was fortunate enough to have a supportive, loving family, great friends, and the best dykes a rat could hope for. In short, I have no regrets. My time here has been a valuable growing experience, one that I will look back on with great fondness.

To all the members of the "clique", you're the best friends I could ever hope to find, and no matter where I roam, (or the Marine Corps sees fit to send me) the door is always open, Buffet on the stereo, and beer in the fridge.

Glitz, Piedbo, Stud, Drew, Spike, Berf, Honk, Shark, Baby Duck, and anyone I forgot-let's get some!

John, wear the ring with pride, after four years in this glorius abode-you'll deserve it.

Keep me away from the wisdom which does not cry

The philosophy which does not laugh,  
And the greatness which does not bow before

Children.  
-Gabrahn

**DYKES-1986 Steven P. Weiss  
— 1992 John Fuller**



**Mark Alan Joynt**

**Navy-Mechanical Engineering  
Va. Beach, Virginia**

Pvt 4,3; Sgt 2; Pvt 1; ASME; Achievers 3

The four years that we never thought would pass are finally coming to an end. To Scott and Scott, it is hard to believe that four has gone by, but all in all, good and bad have done pretty well. Seemingly whatever whatever had surrounded us, no matter how deep, we always made it through. There have been a lot of good times, nonetheless. We have grown closer as roommates and friends. As a class, friendships have been made and will never be forgotten. To Lyjack and Steve, after the Achievers, will never be the same and the Palms probably go broke. I would like to thank one person who made this experience all the more enjoyable and always gave me the support I needed. My mother.

**DYKES-1986 Jimmie Seely  
— 1992 Billie Stone, Rob Fow**







**Didier Kaczmarak**

Kaz, Spaz, Spazmarak  
Force-Mechanical Engineering  
Arlington, Virginia

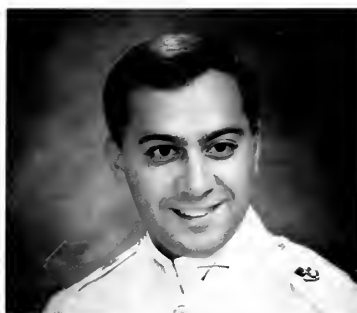
old Air Society, Member 86-87, Trans.  
ter 87-88, Vice Com. 88-89; Pistol Team  
8; Echo Co. Guidon Bearer.



**Michael Alexander Karns**

Mike, Dr. No, Karnsey,  
Army-Biology  
Severna Park, Maryland

Pvt 4,3,2,1; Football 4; Rugby 1; Ranger Pla-  
toon 3,2; Ranger Challenge 2; Study Abroad-  
Vienna 2; Militaria Club 4,3 Pres. 2,1; FCA  
4,3; Bomb Staff 1; Road Tripping 3,2 (legally  
1).



**Scott Joseph Kealoha**

Junior, The Young Hawaiian,  
Army-Modern Language  
Eugene, Oregon

Being All 1 Could Be 4,3,2,1; Airborne Qual-  
ified 2; Library Cadet Assistant 3,2,1; Rifle  
Team 4; Semester in Spain 2; Cpl 3, Pvt 4,2,1;  
Many other fun things too numerous to be  
listed here 4,3,2,1.

y experience with VMI cannot be ex-  
pressed in words except that it is a love-hate  
relationship. Cadets are loyal to the Institute  
away, but hate it while there. If it was  
for the support of my mother and best  
friends, the hate would have built up and my  
dreams of making it would have died. The  
test thanks to Kristin, Alwyn, Denise,  
and especially to you Mamau.

S. See you May 20th, Alwyn, you better be  
e.

"It is not the critic who counts, or how the  
strong man stumbled and fell or whether the  
door of deeds could have done them better.  
The credit belongs to the man who is actually  
in the arena, whose face is marked by dust and  
sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who  
errs and comes up short again and again; who  
knows great enthusiasm, the great devotion  
and who spends himself in a worthy cause, and  
if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly so  
that he'll never be with those cold and timid  
souls who never know either victory or de-  
feat."—Teddy Roosevelt

Well I made it, and am nothing like the way  
I started out in many ways. I have a lot of  
memories and experiences to tell, stories  
about a lot of interesting weekends, too. I  
went to Vienna, Austria and had the time of  
my life. I'll never forget that. I want to thank  
Dad and Pete, I love you and admire you both.  
I want to thank Ike, Jon, Bob, Harlan and  
Kevin for all the good times and insanity and  
the support. Mandy, I'll always have a place  
for you, never give up your dreams. I couldn't  
have made it without all of you. Good luck. I  
now go out into the world, let's see if I can  
accomplish something.

"Where the willingness is great, the dif-  
ficulties cannot be great." — Machiavelli.

My feelings about VMI cover the entire spec-  
trum of emotions. At times I have cursed the  
school under my breath, as well as aloud. Other  
times I have surged with pride when I reflected  
upon the Institute's past and the people which  
have made her so great. It is the good memories  
which I will take with me because it serves no  
purpose to dwell upon what I have perceived to  
be the short-comings of VMI. They were all just  
part of the game you have to play while you are  
here, if you hope to make it.

Two fellows have made this Quixotic journey  
bearable. Without the friendship of young Tony,  
the blond lad with the lucky space, and Merikus,  
whose many stories put us to sleep in the wee  
hours of the night, I am sure I would have strayed  
from the path of sanity. To you two gentlemen I  
wish you the best that life can bring and success in  
all you do.

Mom, Dad, Mark and Grandma, thanks for all  
the sacrifices you have made over these many  
years. Although I have not said it often enough,  
you are the greatest family anyone could ever  
hope to be a part of. Thanks for all your support  
and giving me the chance to make my own de-  
cisions, whatever the end result was.

Kelly, you were with me for three years of this  
mayhem—thank you for understanding this place.  
Let's see what the future has to hold. Nothing will  
keep us apart again. I Love You.

KES-1986 Max Morehead  
— 1992 Shane C Liepertz



DYKES-1986 John Chesson  
— 1992 Keith Blachowicz



DYKES-1986 Paul Simroth  
— 1992 William "Billy" Stone





**Michael J Kelley**

**Bighead**  
Navy-Electrical Engineering  
Vienna, Virginia

Cpl 3, Ops Sgt/Msgt 2, Pvt 1; Band 4,3,2 India 1; Hop and Floor 3; Major Surgery 3; Rat Training 1; VMI Firefighters 1; IEEE 2 Sec 1; College Republicans 1; Northern Virginia Bus 1; Tired 4,3,2,1.

I suppose I could complain about the place, but they haven't given me enough room. Since I'll probably end up missing the Institute I suppose I should end on a pleasant note. Thanks Mom and Dad for all you've done for me the past four years. I never would have made it without you. T.J., Derek, Shortman, Nezass you all sure did a great job keeping barracks life from getting boring. Sometimes I'm amazed that we weren't given the big boot for all that we did. Gratifying spectacles: Objects of honest pride? Not over by the Tac stairs. T.J. and Derek-thanks for being the roommates that you were. I'm going to miss you both. If you should need anything in the years ahead you've always got someone to call. Allison, what can I say but simply thank you for all you've given the past two years. You made quite a difference in life here-one that not many of us are fortunate enough to enjoy. And lastly I suppose I owe the Institute some type of thanks. Without someone to kick me in the tail for the past four years, I probably would never have recieved a degree at all. To all concerned I bid a long-awaited, well-earned and fond farewell. Till we meet again, Adieu, Godspeed, Adios, Fare thee well, Au revoir, Cherio, Arrivederci, Later, Aloha, Ave, Hasta la porka, Shalom, See ya, Sayonara, and Goodbye!

DYKES-1986 Tim Perez  
— 1992 Jeff Wheeler, Chien-Feng Yu



**Gregg Richard Kendrick**

**Spike, Schmed, Happy Rat**  
Marine Corps-History  
Valparaiso, Indiana

Reg't S-5 Cpt 1, Clr Sgt 2, Cpl 3, Rat 4; Dean's List 4,3,2,1; Circle K 4,3,1 Lt Gov 2; TCFC '89; Rat Hazer 2; King Rat Daddy 1; Rat Training 2; Semper Fi 4,3,2,1; Big Red Club 4,3,2,1; Illegal Car Club 2; Int Rel Club; Cdt Ass't 2,1; Swimming 4; Monogram Club.

All that I can say is that I have enjoyed my time here at the "I". I have put a lot into VMI and have gotten everything possible out in return. I came as a rat from "Yankee land" who knew nobody. The "I" and the South has treated me well. I could not have had better dykes in Keith, Bob, Scott and Rich. Ya'll showed me the ropes and I am forever indebted, especially to Keith and Bob, my dykes. My ring dykes, Dennis, Rob, John and Dave took over third class year and showed life as an upperclassman. Thanks to ya'll and your families! To John and Marty-roommates for two years, who would have guessed? We made it and I am going to miss you, John, being so alike is scary-Semper Fi! Marty-look before you leap-take care and good luck! Mitch-it was only one year, but you fit in perfect, for an Army guy. HAVE FUN! Ya'll have helped me achieve my goal of Captain and stay on the ground at the same time. Special thanks to the clique-ya'll are the best. I will miss your camaraderie! Mom, Dad, Mark, and Denise, even though many hundreds of miles away, with a phone call you were always there. Simply, thanks for a son cannot say anymore. Marshall-you are a good dyke, even if a little slow on the uptake. Wear the uniform and ring with pride! You will make it, just hang in and drive on!

To paraphrase old Stonewall — I am what I resolved to be.

DYKES-1984 Keith Mangum  
— 1992 Marshall Samuelson



**Robin Patrick Kerr**

**Slob, Sloppy Dog**  
Army-Economics  
Norfolk, Virginia

Business Manager VMI Cadet 1; English Society 2,1; Tim Simmons Society 2,1; Private; The Horsemen 3,2,1; Baseball Number One Club; Vice President Class (3 months); OGA (2 days).

O my brothers, the pen of your humble ratator is presently wrought with confused cheap soliloquy could ever capture the droozy institutionalized horror show four years VMI has tread over each of my emotions. Anger and compassion, fear and sadness and jubilation have exploded, curious disequilibrium. In retrospect I probably would not have learned so much about myself any other arena though. The main character the nightmare of sorts, George, Gordy, Dave, Ren have never made sleeping easy. George, on one, any time, any place, you can ever your chair. Gordy, you're not going cold until you shroom with the dog. P.S. Stay in Ren-drop me a line if Julio ever barks moon for you. Dave, here's to a future without the paranoid buzz. Don't stop being bloody the Horsemen everywhere, if I ever get a line in that big world out there, I hope someone around to administer some corrective medicine on fellow fellows. To the serpent a Biggs, thank for providing a necessary break. I'll see you two across the Atlantic. And boob, thanks for the inspiration. How breakfast sometime Sparky? Finally, to my much extended family, I appreciate the support and confidence. This place has made me a man of home that much grander.

DYKES-1986 Christopher Kant  
— 1992 Andrew Mays





**Robert Maxon Kolb**

**Jerrys Kid**  
**my-Electrical Engineering**  
**pper Marlboro, Maryland**

emic Stars 2; Falling Stars 1; Engineering  
 or Society 2,1; Eta Kappa Nu 2,1; Ac-  
 tic Distinguished 3; Dean's List 4,3,2,1;  
 Cadet of the Year 3; AROTC Scholar-  
 ,3,2,1; Rat/Pvt 4; Cpl/Pvt 3; Sgt/Pvt 2;  
 Hollins Crew 2,1; Bomb Squad 1.

Why it's time to say goodbye to all good  
 any... Why did I come here? I've had to  
 time to ponder this question while  
 ning PT's, serving Post and Barracks  
 nement and Conduct Probation, yet I still  
 no clue. It seems as though my whole  
 existence was plagued by questions.

Why am I going Infantry? Why did I run the  
 night before my Electronics final?  
 am I an EE? Why did I wait til the last  
 3 to write this? Why doesn't Dominoes  
 \$3 off when they deliver a late pizza to  
 Why does Steve sleep with his eyes open  
 om with a smile? Why does Dwayne like  
 k in front of the mirror? Why can't Char-  
 Jeopardy? Why did Eric have to go to  
 Why did I thru-hike the Appalachian  
 Why are the Dead so good?

Don't know, Don't really care, Let there  
 gs to fill the air."-GD. Thanks Mom and  
 or tolerating the past 21 years. You were  
 s there, and yes, I'll admit, you were  
 just about every time And Rachael, after  
 g up with me and VMI for the past two  
 I hope I can make them up to you  
 time!  
 oice, Rejoice, We Have No Choice But  
 rry On!-Crosby, Stills, and Nash

ES-1986 Keith Coffee, Robert Hess  
 1992 Robert "Quisty" Carlquist



**Christopher John Kraenzle**

**Budda, Kringlemoester**  
**Special Student-Math**  
**Annandale, Virginia**

Rat Daddy 4,3,2,1; RFT 3,2; Pvt 4,3,2,1;  
 QMD X.O.I; AC PRO 3,2.

Over 4 years ago I chose to come to VMI.  
 Many times I have asked myself why. But as I look  
 at my roomates, I see life-long friends. People  
 who have helped me to survive 4 years of pure  
 HELL. The friends that I have made here and  
 the memories they have given me far surpass the  
 hardships I have endured here at VMI. So I may  
 never know why nor do I care why because I will  
 always know in my heart that I made the right  
 choice. Jernigan, I have finally figured out why  
 you don't smile. Give up the guitar. Chiles, Mar-  
 tin, thanks for the good times. Seabo, what's in  
 the sweat pants. Boyd-38%, beat that. Corley, run  
 and cig? Ears, who will be first to fail, you or me?  
 Beaker, thanks for the CR. TJ, you make a good  
 boxing bag. Peyton, I thought I was the biggest  
 slob in this world until I met you. JT, I like you,  
 honest. Running Doe, I love you, just kidding.  
 Dad, KC, I know it's been hard, thanks for the  
 support. Mom, you taught me to be happy even  
 when times are bad. With that gift I can survive  
 anything. Thanks, I love you. Charlotte, did you  
 get that pen yet? Joe, you would make a good rat.  
 Jeff and Judy, may you always be happy. Kath, I  
 hope you enjoyed all my letters.

BR's "As we wind on down the road, our shadow  
 s taller than our soul... When all are one and  
 one is all, to be a rock and not to roll"-LZ. Good  
 Luck BR's.

DYKES-1986 Tim Panoff  
 — 1992 Keith Peloquin



**Kenneth Stuart Krynski**

**JR, Meathead, Arachnid**  
**Marine-Civil Engineering**  
**Folsom, Pennsylvania**

Boxing Team 4,3,2,1, Captain 2,1, National  
 Silver Medalist 3; RDC 2,1, President 1; Sum-  
 mer School 4,3,2,1; Ack Pro 2; Plug-n-Chug  
 Staff 2,1; Big 2,1; Chemical Warfare 2,1

What a ride! I can't believe it's almost over.  
 But is it really, hell no! Because the world is full  
 of disillusioning experiences and this has been  
 the biggest so far, not bad, but much different  
 from what I expected. More than anything  
 else, I'll miss the friends that I have known  
 over the past four years. Sean, Billy and Mike,  
 you guys are the best roommates anyone could  
 ask for. Sean, sometimes I think I would have  
 never made it through the Rat line without  
 you, thanks mate.

I am sure that many of us wouldn't have  
 made it without our families and this is es-  
 pecially true in my case. Dad, you are the  
 greatest man I'll ever know, thanks for be-  
 lieving in me. Sammy, thanks for all the help  
 and sorry for all the bills.

In a school like this a man needs someplace  
 to keep his sanity. For me that place was the  
 boxing ring. Coach Calkins, you exemplify the  
 definition of a coach.

Well here I go off in search of new ad-  
 venture. And to all those I have known and  
 befriended; may the sun shine warmly upon  
 your face, may the wind always be at your  
 back, and may the road rise up to meet you in  
 every endeavor.

The Viper

DYKES-1986 Matt Henderson  
 — 1992 John Bilyk





**Robert Anthony Kuhn Jr.**

**Coo-Dog, Coon-RAH, Pus  
Air Force-English  
Troutville, Virginia**

Cpl for a week, Pvt 2,1; Cadet Waiter 1; English Society 3,2,1; Breakfast Club 2; Annual Giving 1; Bob and Marty's Wrecker Service; Lost Week 88; Ac Pro 3; Dean's List 2,1; Honors Thesis.

Looking back at Matriculation I can honestly say that I've come a long way. No longer the scared and disoriented youth that entered, I feel that I have gained the priceless gift of confidence that the "I" bestows on all graduates. The pressures that are placed on a VMI man at times seemed too much for me; yet now they are simply a nuisance. This confidence under pressure I feel is due to the unsurpassed quality of friends that the Institute creates. It starts by throwing a bunch of high school boys together and subjecting them to hell. As the years pass these boys grow into men, bond, and help each other through some of the most trying times.

Then there are the good times. The road trips to Hollins, Sweet Briar, and Baldwin are priceless. Early sticks are always a strain on the wallet, but what the hell. Thanks for all the great times guys. Gerry, you could always be counted on after those early sticks to load up the car and take off — thanks. Biv and Raff: What can I say? You two have always been there for me and I'm gonna miss you. Mom and Dad I want to thank you for listening to all of my sob stories and helping me overcome them. Scott I love you. You are the greatest brother I could ever ask for. Thanks for everything. Without my friends and family it wouldn't have been possible. Bob and Marty, thanks for the laughs.

**DYKES-1986 Putnam Wolcott  
— 1992 Louis Ormond**



**Michael Anthony Lake**

**Spikehead, Pizan, Bub, Tony  
Army-Civil Engineering  
McLean, Virginia**

Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; RDC 1.

I can't believe this, everyone else is getting ready to graduate and I have at least one more semester in this place. Oh well, life goes on. I must admit I will miss both of my roommates—Markus and the young Hawaiian, the two of you made this place much more bearable. Next year it won't be the same during FCP and consuming fine Pilsnar. Good luck to the both of you. I know you both will succeed in life to the fullest extent. VMI, what a place, is there any place on Earth where if you park your car in the wrong place you can't leave for almost an entire week? If the state of Virginia ever needed an enema they would stick the tube here in Lexington. Thanks Mom and Dad for all your support during the hard times which I have gone through. You both have given me something I will always value and that is your love. Dad, you are my ideal of what a man should be like and I hope one day I am as good of a father to my son as you are to me. I hope you both will be proud of me the day I finally do get my diploma. I must also not forget Michelle in this short paragraph. I'll always love you and in December you will be all mine forever. You mean the world to me; thanks for being there for me when I was down and I was happy. You truly are my "everything".

**DYKES-1986 Mike Grochoski  
— 1992 Rob Fowler**



**Joseph Coleman Lawrence**

**Coleman, Pie, Schimp, Gorn  
Army-Civil Engineering  
Roanoke, Virginia**

Pvt 4, Cpl 3, Reg't S-5 Sgt 2, Batt'n S-2 1  
Lacrosse 4,3,2 Captain 1; President ASC  
Phi Kappa Phi 2,1.

I find it difficult to describe the past years. Day by day, they seemed like they would never end, but as I look backwards, it seems only yesterday we came here. A lifetime worth of experiences seem to have been crammed into a relatively short period of time here, and now we must start all over again, surely we will never forget what we found here, nor will many of the feelings associated with VMI ever leave us. At the risk of overworking an already worn out cliché, I can't help but mention the everlasting friendships we have developed. Now to thank some people who mean a lot to me: To J.P., T. Ben, Duff, and everyone else who has made this trip more bearable (even fun), it's the best, or the best that it could be. To brother Andrew, after this year it only gets better. To Mom and Dad and Baby, you been the most understanding and supportive family all along. And to Mathew and Bill, won't believe how it will fly. Best of luck everybody, and I'm sure I will see you all much sooner than any of us expect.

**DYKES-1986 Ronnie Mays  
— 1992 Mathew Ott, Bill Berry**





Joseph Stebbings Lawson

Jay, SoBo, Jaybird  
Navy-Biology  
South Boston, Virginia

Training 3,2,1; Big Red Club 3; Trident  
City 1; OGA "The Good Guys" 1; Cpl 3;  
Kiva Kamikaze Club 2; Bio Boys 4,3,2,1;  
e-Lawson VT Club.

1st Year was first,  
and definitely worst,  
and 3rd class year was a drag,  
when came our rings,  
and we were missing one thing,  
a crazy roommate named Tag,  
I approached 1st class year,  
with hardly a fear,  
and the end is upon us,  
let us look back and smile and say  
"Thank God I'm now an alumnus"  
before ending my rhyme,  
I must take the time,  
to thank the many who helped me,  
my roommates, my friends, the list never  
ends, most of all I thank my family.  
A lot of luck "Tag".  
My Tom "I ain't never goin' back!"

ES-1986 Greg Weddle  
1992 Mark Thackston



Kevin Alan Leamy

Leamyman, Bigman  
Army-Civil Engineering  
Bedford, Virginia

Virgin Private; Dean's List 3,2; Summer  
School Stud 4,3,2; Sergeant Lane's Aerobics  
2; Engineering Society 1.

"What a long, strange trip it's been."  
— The Grateful Dead  
  
"And if the band you're in starts playing  
different tunes,  
I'll see you on The Dark Side of the Moon."  
— Pink Floyd  
  
"Ashes and diamonds  
Foe and friend  
We are all equal  
In the end."  
— Pink Floyd

Thanks to all who cared.

DYKES-1986 Brent McManis  
— 1992 David Soldow, Robert Mason



Peter Robert Kelley

Pete, Square-Head, Caesar  
U.S. Navy-Economics  
North Attleborough, Mass.

Lacrosse 2,1; Marine Corps Marathon 3; Rat  
4, Corporal 3, Sergeant 2, Private 1.

First I would like to thank my parents. Mom  
and Dad, without your patience, support and  
understanding life at VMI would have been  
impossible. I would also like to thank my room-  
mates-Kevin, Scott, Guy and Dave-wherever  
you may be. Finally I would like to thank  
Kahti. I know it is not easy for anyone to  
accept the rules and regulations of VMI, your  
patience and love has taken infinite amounts  
of weight off my back. I love you very much.  
I will miss some aspects of VMI life; La-  
crosse, weekends, GP, etc. There are many  
things, however, that I will not miss. Far too  
many to list in this small space. Goodbye VMI,  
it is time for me to be whatever I resolve to be  
— whatever that is.

DYKES-1986 Louis A Florio  
— 1992 Matthew Wierzbinski





**Scott Douglas Leonard**

**Scooter, Sharkhead, SHPP  
Navy-Mechanical Engineering  
Virginia Beach, Virginia**

Rat 4, Cpl 3, Pvt 4,3,2,1; Soccer 4,3,2,1;  
ASME 4,3,2,1; Mu Epsilon 4,3,2,1; ST II 2,1;  
OGA 1.

It is hard to come up with a way to put your feelings about VMI down on paper. For me, my long and hard four years here have taught me that you can love something no matter how hard you hate it. I have learned a lot about myself these past four years and that there is more to an education than just the classroom. It is the friendships that I have made here that I will remember, not my grade in Physics. I cannot begin to tell about the bonds I have made here without remembering all of the good times, and some of the bad. To my roommates, Mike and Steve, who have put up with me for three years, I want to say thank you for getting used to my sleeping habits. I wish you the best in the Navy, Steve, and to you Mike in all your endeavors. I will never forget you. To Jason, I wish you the best of luck in the next few years. To Tom, Pie, I want to thank you for being there even when I was late. I could not think of someone whose friendship has meant so much to me. I cherish the bond we have and will always be thankful. Thanks Pie, To Paul, Mike, Chris, Neal, Sean Derek and all the rest of the boys, my love for all of you is infinite. Finally, I wish to thank my Mom and Dad, who have survived my cadetship and all it entails. I love you both more than you know. Thanks Unk. Farewell VMI.



**Kevin Michael Lewis**

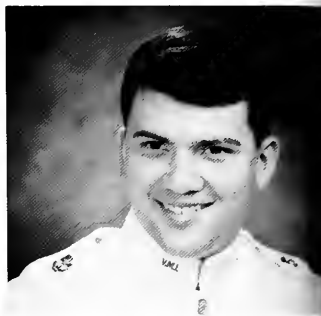
**Kev, Lllewisssss, Lewis, K.P.  
Army-History  
East Northport, New York**

Cpl 3, Ops Sgt 2, B Co XO; Cadre 2,1; Rat Training 3,2,1; Dean's List 4,3,2,1; Army Scholarship; Distinguished Military Student; Firefighter 1; Early Discharge of the Evening Gun Club (only 10 minutes).

I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I —  
I took the one less travelled by,  
And that has made all the difference.—Robert Frost

I came to VMI in an effort to improve upon a mediocre high school performance that had been caused primarily by my own indifference. Now while I can't say that the traits of an Athenian and a Spartan have combined to perfection inside of me, I can say I accomplished most of the things I came here to do. I wanted the discipline of VMI. And although I may have complained about it every day since, I know it has taught me many important lessons. I would like to thank my friends because it was them that made the bad times manageable and the good times better. In particular I would like to thank John and Cef for just being around to talk, listen or laugh. Good luck to all you guys. Finally, in the order of thank yous, I must thank God for the gift of an incredible family. Mom, Dad, Maureen, Eileen, Kerry, Grandpa and Aunt Joan, I don't know what I would have done without you guys. Everytime I'd fall you'd help me up and send me on my way, usually with a buck or two in my pocket and an encouraging word in my head. I hope I've made you proud of me because I'll always love and be proud of you all.

**DYKES-1986 Luke Sossi  
— 1992 R. O'Quinn, F. Harrar**



**Marc Curtis Littlecott**

**Sleach, H.B., Fuhrer  
Army-History  
Orlando, Florida**

CWRT 4,3,2 Pres 1; Commanders 4,3,2; B Co 4,3,2; T.D. 3; MBC 2,1; Wagne Hitlerjugend 3.5; Virgin Private and proud it.

I guess that the best part of graduating that I no longer have to live with the fear of a small fire in 289 causing me to be blown through the PX. Smeve, you have taught the true meaning of existence at VMI — sanity. If one watches the civilians who earnestly peer inside of our barracks on a give day, it sobers him when he puts himself, their shoes for a moment. Whether a rat being corrected, or a belt line is in progress someone is banging each door with a changer, it is clearly evident that he is looking upon an alien world.

Some will say that VMI is special, I say it is insane. They say insanity breeds insanity. W Admiral, I think your crew in CWRT proven them right. If only the pretty boys the Corps knew what really went on...

Kevin, I thank you for putting up with Abernathy as well as you did. Mom and Dad may not be as personable as I once was your trust in me was never in question and that I am truly grateful. Grandad, thanks making my future possible. Mary Hart, you are my future. VMI, you did a lot for me maybe someday I will reward you for it, don't count on it.

**DYKES-1986 Sean Poremba  
— 1992 John Ward**





## Jihn-Khan Lu

Army-Physics  
Taipei, Taiwan R.O.C.

y of Physics Students 4,3,2,1; Interna-  
Club, Vice President 1; Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Lt 1.

w many four years can one have in his  
As I look back, this one goes fast. How  
have I learned from the four years? I don't  
know, but I know there are still very  
left for me to search. The life itself is a  
you dig what you want out of it.

ing a cadet in here is not easy, and I am  
that I have made it through. There are a lot  
memories of VMI with all those who have  
pent their time here as cadets, especially  
brother Rats and my dyke's class. Those  
s gone for the memories, but I am more  
for the future. BRs, wish everyone of you  
le best you could accomplish.

like to devote the last paragraph to my  
ts, particularly to the memory of my fa-  
le passed away in November 86. When I  
ome for his funeral, I saw him lying there  
nlessly and soundlessly. We cannot talk  
h other anymore. I wonder what life is.  
know he is always with me.



## Robert Blake Lucas III

Rob, LT, Batman  
U.S.M.C.-Mechanical Engineering  
Ewing, New Jersey

Pvt 4,3,2, Lt 1; Varsity Swimming/Diving 4,3,2;  
Semper Fi 4,3,2,1; ASME 4,3,2,1; Monogram  
Club 4,3; Lost Week '88; Coach Duncan Fan  
Club 2; HMWHC 4,3,2,1.

Looking back to rat year I could not even  
picture graduation. That was three long and  
very trying years ago and graduation is all but  
here. I must have heard "You can do it" a  
thousand times but it seems everyone else was  
more confident than I.

Allen, you are a terrific roommate and friend.  
I will never understand how two people so  
different could get along so well.

Mom, Dad, Sharon, and Grandmom, without  
all of your support and "You can do it's, who  
knows where I would be right now. I have no  
regrets about coming here. It's hard to believe  
how much this place has changed me since I  
arrived. To my dyke, Bill, I wish you the best of  
luck over the next three years, and if anyone  
tells you the time just flies by, don't believe  
them.



## John Lee MacMichael Jr.

Jay-Mac, Buff, Boomvang  
Navy-Economics  
Alexandria, Virginia

Trident Society, Sec 1; Cpl 3, 1st Sgt 2, Lt 1;  
Firefighter 2,1,1; Marathon Permit 1,1; Conduct  
Pro; Young Economists 2,1.

Not many of us are privileged enough to serve  
four and one half years at VMI. Personally, I  
would have traded my extra time at VMI away.  
VMI is truly experienced for the least amount of  
time possible.

In all fairness, I must thank those people who  
know they deserve it.

John Perrygo, thanks for teaching me a boss  
can be a friend. You taught me an important  
lesson.

"Wild" Bill Monticone, thanks for teaching  
me to sail. It is something I will always have.

Mom and Dad, you know better than I what I  
should thank you for.

Class of '89 and Sean, thanks for making my  
fifth year more bearable. Life isn't so bad.

Joy, I don't know where we will end up, but  
thanks for being my best friend.

"The wheel is turning, you can't speed it up,  
you can't slow down, if the thunder don't get  
you, the lightning will" — Grateful Dead

ES-1986 Tom McGinnis  
1992 Tsai-Tzu Ho



DYKES-1986 Joe Schinstock  
— 1992 Bill Leimkuhler



DYKES-1985 Dave Stinette  
— 1992 Mike Smith







**Martin Leo Malloy**  
Marty, Sloth, Nature Boy  
Navy SS-English  
Roanoke, Virginia

Cpl 3, Pvt 4,2,1; English Society 2, Treasurer 1;  
Ring Design Committee; "Den" Brother 3,2,1;  
Fun Van-Shotgun; Summer Scholar 4,2; Cadre  
3,1.

It has been a long hard rat race; in which I believe the only winners are the survivors. Surprisingly, in the end it has gone by quickly and I'm still running. First and foremost I would like to thank my family for their love and support thru the ups and many downs. Dad, the Thur. afternoon phone calls were an island in a very stormy sea. Mom, your letters and advice always brightened my day. I have strived to make you proud, although at times it didn't seem that way. VMI has allowed me to experience the tightest of friendships and for that I'm grateful. Raff, it has been very nice and I know in the next world you'll do well. Bob, I'll "roll" with you anytime. Biv, who could frame thy fearful symmetry??? Dave, stay gold, Boy Roy, stay gold. Todd, the late night talks and laughs have been good for my soul. Steve, I've missed you. John and Gregg, it has been an interesting two years that I wouldn't trade. Brian, Steve-live for the weekends and don't take this place too seriously and in time you will wear the ring proudly and take the sheepskin. — "Judas Priest!" This is silly" MLM; "I'm goin' everywhere!"-RSB; "Don't ever tell anybody anything. If you do you start missing everybody."-Salinger; God, I already do. Thus ends a well run race, thanks fellas and St. Jude for handing me the water when I needed it. Now comes the Marathon.

DYKES-1986 Lou Florio  
— 1992 Steve Brandthen, Brian Moore



**Thomas Paul Marshall**  
Bird of Prey  
Army-History and Int'l Rel.  
St. Louis, Missouri

Cpl, Reg't S-1 Sgt, Co Cdr (for 5 days), Reg't S-6; Promaji Club Hit List; International Relations Club; AUSA; College Republicans; Uncle Wayne's Summer Seminar 1986; President Donnie Roberts Fan Club.

It's been 4 long years and I really don't know where to begin. I am in debt to VMI for making me what I am today. This place was hell, but I guess it was worth it. Thanks to Ned, Kevin, and Tim-for nothing! It's sad when the only votes you get are from '88. Now for the real thank-yous. First of all, Mom, Dad, Cindy and Mike, thanks for all the support over the years. I wouldn't have made it without you. Even though you didn't always understand, you listened and that's what mattered. Steve and Matt, thanks for putting up with my sh — . You were always there when I needed you and for that I'm deeply grateful. I'll miss you two. You made this place bearable. I'll miss VMI only for the friendships I made. You guys have been great. Finally, I want to thank Cassie for the best year of my life. Thanks for being there for me. I Love You!!

DYKES-1986 Vince Carag  
— 1992 Wesley "The Weasel" Poff



**David Alan Martin**  
Slim, David A, Flappy  
Army-History and Int'l Rel.  
Williamsville, New York

Pvt 4,1; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; VMI Cadet; Staff Writer 3 News and Features Ed. 2 Consulting Ed. 1; Man Woman Hater 2; EUCHRE 2,1; Dean's 4,2; Florida on a Whim Road Trip 2; Labatt's Fan Club 3,2,1.

Whelp, they told me to summarize my detship in one paragraph? Every man knows limits. But . . .

I'm leaving with three things: a diploma, commission and a memory. The memoir treasure most of all. I will never forget friends I've made: to the entire EUCHRE c — may you always be a forke. Baaawww! M — B.R. and Home Slice, 'tis time for a th count; Panther! Parents — I tried like hell make you proud. XOXOXO to my other far, in Westfield Ctr. (Yawn!)

Steve (Manrut, Bulbous), I couldn't h made it through without you listening to tirades and constant complaining. I don't know what I would have done without you and all your crazy ideas to keep us from studying. Ming you and sharing all we have shared somehow made this place not only be bearable but also worthwhile. Good luck my friend.

Summer's going fast  
Night's growing colder  
Children growing up  
Old friends growing older . . .  
Experience slips away . . .  
The innocence slips away.

Thank God that it is over.

DYKES-1986 Mike Corwin  
— 1992 Bob Stone, Greg Abbott





**James Joseph Masella III**  
**Jimbo, Jeems, J.J.**  
 Army-Mechanical Engineering  
 Vienna, Virginia

Pvt; Big Red Club 321, VP 1; Tanker Plt.  
 2; Underclass Car Club 3,2; IHTFP 4321;  
 4321; Club 70 321; Dean's List 2; Casu-  
 Always

ce it's so hard to sum up 4 years at  
 I want to thank the people who  
 d me get through this place. Mom,  
 Ann, and John thanks for all the  
 port while I was cut off from civilization  
 here, especially in the wallet. Paul,  
 these past 4 years may not have been  
 easiest, but you guys were the best  
 es I could ask for. Scru I don't know  
 you came here but I knew you would  
 leave. Good luck next year and  
 me to the brotherhood! Mike, Carl,  
 take after your dykes and good luck!  
 summary of 4 years here? The people  
 memories are better than THE  
 CATION. Keydet-the drink (UVA the  
 Road tripping: UVA, Tech, Clemson,  
 lle, ASU. Slumming: Baldwin, Sem,  
 rd (stretch). Zolloman's (Rej).  
 plowing: JMU. The Ring. Ringfigure  
 ? Rozy in DC. No.VA. ME stallions-  
 ry Survivors. Teamers always.  
 I'll know for the first time, if we're evil  
 fine, we're the last in line. — Ronnie  
 Dio  
 better to burn out, than fade away.  
 of Leppard

**ES-1986 Jeff Morgan**  
**1992 Mike Strack**



**Michael Eric Masly**

**Maz, Clyde, Oatman**  
 Army-Civil Engineering

Private 4321; ASCE; Plug-N-Chug Assistant  
 Editor; CE Study Crew 3,2; HMWHC 321; 155  
 Romper Room; Cadet Assistant; VMI Firefight-  
 ers.

Four years, many headaches, long hours in  
 NEB and Mallory, both good and bad times and  
 two crazy parents later, I can say it's all over.

The first people I have to thank are my par-  
 ents. I know you wanted this to end as much, if  
 not more than me. I thank both of you and both  
 of the girls for all the support you gave me.

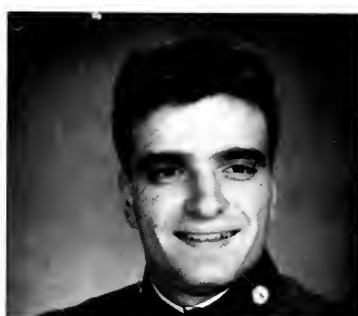
Tom, Paul, Steve, Gery and Todd thanks for  
 the good times. MBC, Hollins, W&L, JMU,  
 W&M and who knows what else. Hope that all  
 those late nights in NEB pay off. To my friends  
 at other schools thanks for the help when  
 things are down. Dave I still don't know if this  
 was the proper decision but I will find out soon.  
 Jim when I have a daughter I will send her to  
 your Alma-Matter.

Tom — I hear you saying it again.

Paul — What is it that Tom helped you out  
 with.

To my dykes good luck over the next three  
 years. Study hard and don't be afraid to ask any  
 questions.

**DYKES-1986 Mathew Baker**  
 — 1992 Peter Shea, Tim Hoffner



**Ike Theodor Matenopoulos**

**Zeus, IT, Greek-Tycoon**  
 Army-History

It has been a great four years and I am look-  
 ing foreward to an extra semester. I love this  
 school so much I can't get enough I want to  
 thank my parents for their support and all my  
 friends. I am going to miss this place. I never  
 thought I'd be saying that. Well this place has  
 taught me alot and I will never forget the things  
 I have learned here. I want to say good bye and  
 good luck to my roommates; Kevin Sullivan  
 and Pedro Dejesus. I'll miss them the most.  
 Thanks for everything VMI I'll miss you. — IKE

**DYKES-1986 Paul Boose**  
 — 1992 Alex Jackson





**Kevin Charles McAllister**

KC, Woodstock, The Dart  
U.S. Navy-Economics (Management)  
Fairfax, Virginia

Circle K Pres 1, Corsage Chairman 2, Member 3; Asst. Head Waiter 1, Waiter 3,2; Investment Club 2,1; Computer Asst. 3,2,1; Trident Society 1; VMI's Football "Twelfth Man" 1; Virgin Private!!!

I have to start off by thanking the one person who got me through this place—Paula. I love you sweetie. There are so many people that I have met that almost make this place worth it—almost, that is! Jeff, I can't wait for you to get back—you're the greatest! Wessss! Where are you, we really need you here! Matt, nobody is a better pal to bum around with and act like total nerds. Timmy, nobody can beat your laugh or smile or body hair! Sean, Tommy and Vince, thanks for the room away from the room. Hey, there's a couple of rooms I'm going to miss because together nobody can make a party as good — 127 and 117. The Big Rageau—should be duck—thanks for keeping us all laughing—you are the ultimate first down. I got to thank my dyke Jay. No one could have as good a dyke as me! Thanks to Vic and Owen also. My brother and sisters have been extremely supportive, another thank you! Thanks Mom and Dad! Raf-fi, John, Tom and Ken, it's looking like a real good year—Finally: AMF!!!

DYKES-1987 Jay Arnaiz  
— 1992 Dick Owens



**Anthony Lee McCants**

Air Force-Economics  
Alexandria, Virginia

Answering Specials; Band; Timmins Music Society; Glee Club; Summer You Guide; Second-Class Drum Major; Pep Band; Promaji Club; Rat 4, Cpl 3, Sgt 2; Plt Lt 1; Cadet Assistant.

Here I am. A senior waiting patiently to graduate. Ready to take on the real world with a positive view and an open mind. Ready to give it my best shot. And ready to put the pieces together to make something happen—That's all I can do. No one can say I didn't try.

I can't say that I had the best times at VMI. But I can say that VMI turned that naive little boy into a sensible thinking young man.

I've had my share of fun and I've also faced my share of nightmares at VMI that I will never forget. I guess that comes with the territory. But hey, I never gave up hope—so I expect my dykes, Andy, Marr and Colby, to do the same. And never say never.

Hey Chris. We had some good times, huh? Me reading you and you attempting to read me. You know I'm too "Grand" for that. Snap, Crackle and Pop. Oh yeah, remember Ring Figure (or do you)? And remember when we double teamed Short-Stuff, the forehead king, and of course their little tag-a-long fat-ace. Let's do it again. We also made the Iguana a statistic too. Make sure you take care of yourself.

I owe a lot of thanks to a lot of people. You all know who you are—but I can't thank my mother enough for coping with my crazy problems and helping me through this four year journey. Oh, and I can't forget my friend Clement S. I will repay the favor.

DYKES-1986 Anthony Brown  
— 1992 Sayder M, White A, Howard C



**Daniel Mark McClintock**

Eggie, Fish, Tiger  
Army-Electrical Engineering  
Woodstown, New Jersey

Pvt 4, Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Private with rank 1; Club 2,1; ARA Ambush Team 2; IEEE 4,1; Bot Systems Analyst 1.

As I walk through the dark, quiet courtyard from late study, I recall all the sensations I had here. All the sweat, tears, anger and loneliness, as well as all the elations, friendships and laughs are just ghosts now. I'd neither thank them for the world nor repeat them for my sake.

Thank you Mom and Dad for your support. Although I seemed to be a world away, your love showed the patience what you could fully understand about this place. Matt, your humor and good nature kept us going. Bro, you're crazy! I've had a closer nut as a friend.

Rich, my best advice would be to learn. Let all that you can here, in class, in barracks, and inside and then get the hell out.

God Bless all my BRs, especially my room. Good luck Tarneg, keep lifting!

Oh Margret, my Margret, our fearful trip is done! Now we begin our next life together!

DYKES-1986 Bernie Colaci  
— 1992 Rich "The Intellectual" Howard





**Dan Edward McGrew**

Spaz  
Army-Economics  
Weirton, West Virginia

Football 4,3,2,1; Monogram Club, Secretary 2, President 1.

The last four years are hard to describe in this part of a space. I had my reservations about living here, and now I understand why. VMI itself has not been a perfect match. I've won my share of hard times, in the classroom, on the field and most of all just living in the VMI system, but I've kept going. I haven't cried myself here, but there were some good times and a few close friends, they know who they are, so I'll just say thanks.

One thing has remained constant during my time here, my parents' support. Without them I would be lost. I've always tried to make you proud, I hope I have. Thanks for putting up with me. I'd also like to mention my late grandfather, who, besides my parents, had the most influence on my life. Thanks Pap. I've changed since I've been here. For better or worse I really don't know. I can say I've done something most people at VMI haven't, I've done things the way I wanted to. It may have been the different way, but it was my way. Looking back, all I can do is chalk these four years up to experience.

KES-1986 Alvin Comer

— 1992 Lough, Hennigan, Foesch



**Anthony Quinn McIntosh**

Mic, Chim-Chim, Bold, Tosh, Mac  
Army-Economics and Spanish  
Lexington, North Carolina

Football 4,3,2,1; Promaji Club 4,3,2,1; Black Nights 4,3,2,1.

Roommates, what is there to say? We have spent our last couple of years together becoming closer than brothers. I can't write about each of you as an individual because I feel as if we are one. We complement one another well and this is what makes our bond so strong. The late night talks and us tripping off one another has kept us going when we were down. So J.C., Keith, Brian, and Tracy remember that the bond of the knights is unbreakable. Keep your heads up once we are apart. Now for Amy. Amy, you are the most important person in my life. Our love for one another has become stronger as we have grown closer together. I want to thank you for the love and support you have given to me when I needed it the most. I love you more than you can ever imagine. I am sure that we will have a wonderful future together, so smile. What is a history without thanking your parents? I want to thank my mother, father, and even my sisters for putting a smile on my face whenever I would call home. I appreciate all the support you have given. Finally, I would like to say thanks to Pipe, Archy, Bullet, and 24-7 (and you thought I would forget those names). I would also like to thank Col. Monsour for all his help. To rooms 116, 110, M&M, Chris, Coolest, Eric, Dap and everyone else who made life here interesting for me, take it easy. May all the little Knights make it through the "T". See Ya!

DYKES-1986 Scott Hunter

— 1992 Marcus Mines, Rusty Hale



**Thomas Atwood McKee**

Bobles  
Special Student-Biology  
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Baseball 4; Trainer 3,2,1.

I don't have much to say except that I am happier than Hell it is all over with. All the other memories I've suppressed, never to be recalled. I want to do the traditional thanking of family and friends because without you I would not have ever made it. You all know who you are. And that's the truth.

DYKES-1986 Brad Bradshaw

— 1992 Timothy "Air" Jordan





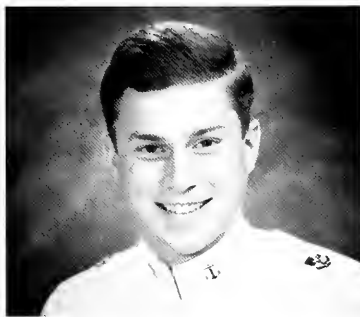
**Brian R. McKenzie**

Beaker, Canoe, Mac, Old Flame  
Air Force (SS)-Biology  
Greendale, Wisconsin

Tennis Team 4,3,2; Radford Weekends 4,3,2,1; Henry McKenna w/MC 2,1; Private at Large 3,2,1; VMI Summer Club 4,3,2 (So far); Ac Pro to Ac Days 2-1; Grad School Hopeful 2,1; 7:30 X-Check Club 2,1.

Three years ago my brother reached a light at the end of an infinitely long tunnel. Now it's my turn. I feel as though my four years trying to reach that light have been around, over, under, and sometimes even through seemingly unpassable obstacles, but I couldn't have done it alone. For this I have my parents, brother, and Kris to thank. To Mom and Dad, I know it was hard keeping me out of trouble, but hasn't it always been? I didn't always want to hear your advice, but I always needed it. I owe my success to you both, thank you. To Keith, you are more than a big brother, you're my best friend whose guidance and advice I value above all else. Lastly, there's Kris. What has been said this past year is everything I can think of to say. On the lighter side ... there are my roomies, the "gang". It is often said your reputation is set by the company you keep ... God help me. Joe "Ears Mulligan", ... you're one of a kind. Thanks for being a pain in the ... well thank you for being a good roomie. Steve "Sped Lo" and Chris "Kringie Monster" you guys are the sloppiest, grossest, most disgusting nice guys I'd ever love to live with anytime, anywhere. TJ all I have to say is ... nice white spots pal. And Mike C, what can I say, kayaks are more maneuverable than canoes. As to the other times, refer to activities number 3. Here's to you! Hey Tom J "GET OFF THE SIDEWALK!!!"

DYKES-1986 Rumsey J.S. Light  
— 1992 J. Hunter Aldrich



**Patrick Denney MacMahan**

Pat, Smackmahand, McMastud  
Navy-Economics  
Arlington, Virginia

Pvt 4,3,2,1; Glee Club 4,3, Sec 2, Pres 1; "The Sentinels" 1; Spirit Squad 3,2; Trident Society 4,3,2; Theatre 2; Deb. Cotillion 2,1; Pig Pilot 2; Cultured 4,3,2,1; Academically Extinguished 4,3,2,1; Summer Scholar 3,2,1; Observation Post '51 3,2,1; Beach 151.

VMI — It's not just a school, it's an adventure! Maybe I'll go to college after I graduate! I think that like everyone else, I became addicted to the "I". There is something about VMI that has made me feel like I had to stay and graduate. Maybe so I could say I went through in a unique, fun and crazy way. I was my own person. I didn't care about how others thought I should act. Unlike so many others, I was not embarrassed about having a good time and just being me. I can only hope that one day the cadet mentality will change so that all talents are respected and supported, from the star athlete to the star musician. "To each his own." I have no regrets about coming here. I'm sure VMI will pay me back in the long run. Thanks and love must go to my parents and family who were always there for me. To my friends, I offer thanks as well. My roomies helped a lot, thanks B and B. Thanks to Captain H and "Mom". A special thanks to my best of friends Mike "If you can dance ..." L. You kept me sane. Just remember: "It's not how you look ..." "So you think you can dance?" Is it your B-Day?/Good night sweetheart, "So many/so little", "You did what and your what hurts?" "It scares me to think what would happen if I ...", BIG DOGS! "I can respect that!" DSB Kills! Good luck Rad Rat! Look out world, here comes a new VMI man. I wear the ring.

DYKES-1986 Kenny Walpole  
-1992 Mike Schluenz



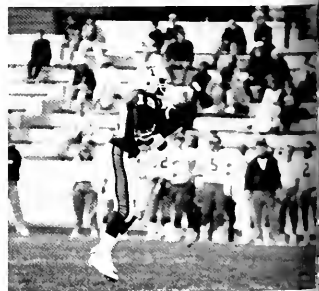
**Terence Walter McMillian**

T, T-Mac, Big Mac, T-Bone  
Army-Civil Engineering  
Columbia, Maryland

Football 4,3,2,1; Fellowship of Christian Athletes; Officer's Christian Fellowship; ASCE

I just thank God for the chance to serve here at VMI. There were times I didn't want to be here, times when I wanted to quit, but I know that my experience here will be a light to someone else trying to make it through. I thank God for each and every person whom I have met here at VMI. Everyone made this place worth the struggle. Although I may not feel it now, I pray that I will be able to give back to VMI what it has given me.

DYKES-1985 Davis A Estes  
— 1992





**Derek Robert McCown**

**Biff**  
 (SS)-Math w/French Minor  
 Richmond, Virginia

Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Lt 1; Soccer 4,3,2 Captain 1;  
 Southern Conference 2; Beater 4,3,2,1; Sack  
 Back 2,1.

ometimes find it difficult to believe that I'm  
 a first classman here at the Institute. But  
 I realize that I have to pay a \$65 speeding  
 given to me by some redneck stoopie-  
 policeman, the reality hits hard. But I  
 say I haven't had fun here. In fact, I've  
 had too much fun here, which ex-  
 my GPA.

everyone does in this section, I'll give  
 s to all those who have made my stay here  
 what enjoyable. First I'd like to thank my  
 Jim, in whose footsteps I didn't follow by  
 being a textbook special student. Mike and  
 you've been great roommates, thanks for  
 ing up with my antics for four years. The  
 of luck to the both of you. Skip: it's been a  
 our years-sorry we couldn't have won  
 some games. Coach B: I hope that being a  
 will mellow you out a bit. Thanks for  
 thing. It's been a great three years. Coach  
 and Beth: thanks so much for your hosy  
 and your help. I'm truly grateful.

ed to my parents and family-for your sup-  
 and caring I thank you. I'll always be  
 ful.  
 Yeah. Trunka-try not to slobber on your  
 all the time. And Ian: you squat to p —  
 ss the A.V. Room expeditions.

ES-1986 Jim Dillon  
 — 1992 Edgar Lester Davis III



**Neil Edward McSweeney**

**Eddy**  
 Army-Mechanical Engineering  
 Virginia Beach, Virginia

ASME; ST2

The past few years have been filled with  
 experiences which will stay with me forever.  
 The ratline seemed pointless to me during my  
 first year, but the many purposes it served be-  
 came more apparent as I progressed through  
 VMI. The many penalty tours marched, and the  
 hours of confinement served will be remem-  
 bered as my worst moments, but these mo-  
 ments only made me appreciate the good times  
 shared with my friends that much more. Chris  
 and Mike, as roommates we have developed a  
 friendship which I hope will continue through-  
 out our lives. The road trips, the late night  
 parties in barracks, the late night talks with my  
 roommates, and all of the beers shared with  
 Chris, Mike, and the rest of the boys are mem-  
 ories which I will never forget. Eric, I hope you  
 have learned as much from me as I did from my  
 dykes. Good luck. Andi, thanks for being there  
 to listen to my problems and cheering me up  
 when I was down. John, thanks for being a  
 great brother. Rose, you will always be my little  
 sister. Dad and Mom, I can not thank you  
 enough. The never ending love you have given  
 has helped to guide me through my life. With-  
 out your support and confidence, none of this  
 would have been possible.

Thanks for making it possible.

DYKES-1986 Scott Miles  
 — 1992 Eric Larson



**Francis Anthony Meccia III**

**Frankie-Babe, The Hodad, Monster**  
 Navy-History and Int'l Studies  
 North Hollywood, California

Newman Club 4,3,2,1; Glee Club 4,3,2,1; In-  
 ternational Relations Club 2,1; Pistol Team 1;  
 English Society 1; IES Vienna, Austria 2; South-  
 ern Cal Rocket Boy Club 4; Timmins Society 4;  
 Lady Luck's California Lover 4,3,2,1; Euro-  
 Booze-N-Flooze Cruise 2.

Life is never as simple as it appears in print, pics  
 or memories. Father Time continuously renders  
 memory's jagged pulses of emotion safe to handle  
 in "perspective". My position a mom "I's societal  
 structure has been at best a bit tense and pre-  
 carious." But all the same has rendered invaluable  
 experiences, memories and gratitude to a system  
 never completely learned or lived by-The Hodad.  
 Nothing he can say or do can change who and  
 what he is. Apologia Pro Hodad Est Finis. Sorry  
 Gerlac. Now to real time. I will never be able to put  
 in words the quality and quantity of thanx I owe to  
 so many people. To do less than try would be  
 unforgivable. To my father and mother, thanx for  
 the support in all it's forms. To brothers three  
 thanx for your patience and aid in all forms. To my  
 family in Chicago, thank you for the time and R&R  
 and reaffirmation of body and spirit. To Tim and  
 Ned and my "D" Team, thank you again for your  
 support. To Eric, thanks for the joshing and sup-  
 port. Thanx Ken for a real "Nom". Gera, your  
 philosophic slant and laugh will live forever. To  
 the Chaplain, my thanks and appreciation for your  
 words, wisdom and warmth. To room 403, good  
 luck in life. Ditto that Barney and Sean. To all  
 members of Scylo near and far, Ma Bell is richer,  
 but who cares? Finally, thank you the Class of 1989  
 for a moment of madness and a walk on the  
 far side. PS. Margaret, you're not forgotten.

DYKES-1986 Mike Ellis, L.C. Warren  
 — 1992 Jonathon Thibadeaux





**Paul Anthony Mele**  
Mayday, Mell, Icabod  
Army-Mechanical Engineering  
Silver Spring, Maryland

ASME 4,3,2,1; Club 70 4,3,2,1; Unauthorized 4x4 Yuppie Crusher Club 3,2; Summer Scholar 3; Asheville Road Trip Crew 3,2,1; Casualness 3,2,1; F-Trooper and 1st Class Pvt; ST2 2,1; Big Red Club 3,2,1; OGA 1; Athletic Committee 1.

I never thought one place could be the cause of so much grief yet so many good times. With sanity sound and the help of many, I've made it through what at times seemed an eternity and others a flash. First and foremost I owe it to you Mom and Dad. Thanks for taking that big gamble back in '85. Your love and support has made all the difference. I love you and dedicate this four year ride to you. Dave, here's to you taking UVA like I know you will. Tim, thanks for all the help (esp. towing).

To the one that owned my heart for three years and still dances across my mind at times, I don't know what to say. Uncertainty and strong memories still cloud my head. You may never read this but if you do remember it isn't over until it's chiseled in stone.

And to the fellas; the boys, the gang, no names mentioned, you know who you are. I offer memories but not goodbyes. Zölloman's, block running, Johnny G's, in barracks parties, the 'X, Front Royal, the beach, weekends, road trips, talks, mixers and everything else we found to make this place better. We fought it, cursed it and conquered it. You are truly the best people I have ever known.

Carl-Work hard but know when to just blow it off. I leave you privatehood, use it. Best of luck.

PALS

DYKES-1986 Wayne Mason  
— 1992 Carl Engstrom



**Christopher R Menia**  
Mean, Benito  
SS-Civil Engineering  
Virginia Beach, Virginia

ASCE; Rugby; Ring Figure Design Committee; Circle K Club.

I don't really have any profound words about why I picked VMI because, as of yet, my experience here is still a blur. I do know that I owe a great deal to a lot of people, but especially my Mom and Dad for all of their support. I couldn't have made it here without the two of you.

Mike and Neil, the past couple of years have been pretty good, that doesn't mean this is the end of the good times. I'm sure we'll have plenty more in the future. Good luck to both of you, Scott, my blood brother, well, this is the end of our schooling together, but nowhere near the end of being best pals. Here's to the future bro!

Once again, thank you Mom and Dad, I love you both! Watch out, here I come world!

DYKES-1986 R. Ward  
— 1992 Chuck Weatherman



**Michael David Mezzacana**  
Mezzo, Maz, Zak, Zake, It  
Special Student-History  
New Providence, New Jersey

Not all that much really 4,3,2,1; Illegal Car 3,2 AND 1; House Club 3,2,1; Dean's 4,3,2,1; Academic Stars 2; Pvt-Cpl 3; S (With prejudice) 2 (thnx Goof); 1st Class vate 1.

"If you say you can find a way, you will way." My high school quote-still like it? myself I could find a way and somehow. Surely not the best way and far from the end but I learned a lot and had some great times the way. Yes Sir, some great times. Hey C remember that guy in the picture-yeah, the permit! Some joke, huh? We did some stuff and we did some time for getting caught made some great friends here. Day in and day out we laughed, joked and complained together, hard to feel sorry for yourself cuz someone always worse off. BR Gheen traditionally put that someone for us. Gheenster would just let it all. Jon is the best of friends, not just to me, all of us. Jake, how'd we do it? Who'd thought you and I would be great friends endure '26 together? Turn that music OFF! and Paul, you guys make my stomach couldn't ask for better friends. Nord, Roosh, weren't made for you two! Yo Lerby Yo! You me a million per cent! Guido, thru the thick thin, we're still best friends. Larry and Erik UUH UUH! Love ya both. Mom, thank for the support and for tolerating me on full Dad, I'll be thanking you for the rest of my Gram and Gram and Gramps, your pride makes me proud of myself. I love you. Dykes in. It all lies ahead. AND AWAY WE GO! Sweet It Is!

DYKES-1986 Joe Ruff  
— 1992 K. Bourke, M. Humphrey







**Gera Samuel Miles Jr**

Karate Kid, Ninor  
ny-English/Modern Languages  
Matoaca, Virginia

Arts Club 4,3,2,1; Cadre Corporal 3;  
aji 4,3,2,1; Glee Club 4,3,2,1; Pre-Law So-  
2,1; English Society 2,1; Spanish National  
r Society 2,1.

OGUE: "Midway in our life's journey, I  
astray from the straight road and woke to  
myself in a dark wood. How shall I say  
wood that was! I never saw so drear, so  
so arduous a wilderness! Its very memory  
a shape to fear."

nte's INFERNO Canto:1-6

PTER 1: La Familia

m, Grandma, and all the relatives that  
and supported me through VMI — Thank  
odies of love. Terra, it's your turn.

PTER 2: Los Tres Caballeros

ad Dog" Murphy, Rip "The Beast"  
inkle, and Alex "Rabid Russkie" Manoff  
favorite assassins. A great bunch of guys  
t don't take photographs with them. Love  
ys!

PTER 3: Amor Eterno

ta, what can I say? I desire only you.

OGUE: In closing, I will fail to be generic,  
n't get upset. You see, my senses have  
raped, and I still abhor the smell of wet  
and mud in the morning. My mind flows  
hard violence to softer images, from psy-  
language to Elistit — and all things are  
ted in power.

bi-bito to Waga na yobareru"  
sho

ES-1986 David Spears

1992 Hung "Tony" Trieu



**Dwayne Gregor Miller**

Blockhead, Big-Man, Dwayn-o  
Air Force-Electrical Engineering  
Randolph AFB, Texas

Wrestling 4; Founder of Ac Stars to Ac Pro Club  
3; Rat Training 3,2,1; Cadet Assistant 3,2,1;  
Ring Figure Chairman 2; Graveyard Dweller  
4,3; Cocke Hall Meathead Social Club 1.

Well, it's the night before this is due . . . surprise.  
My first visit to Virginia and VMI was on 21  
August 85. I had a real pleasant introduction. R.T.  
Thompson was a swell guy and made me feel more  
than welcome. I don't know why he was called the  
Anti-Christ! Welcome to college! Luckily, Rat year  
flew. Then came the worst year of my human  
existence: Third Class. Grades? A thing of the past  
. . . can you say crash and burn? Sure Mom and  
Dad, I'll get them back up (HA!). I learned the true  
meaning of hate that year, mostly in the form of  
hating life and Electrical Engineering. But then  
came Second class year and Ring Figure: Need I  
say more? And now I'm a First (I can hear the ooh-  
ahs). I guess the thing I'll remember the most about  
this place is the people. Big Al and Troy-Boy, you  
guys have definately been fellow sufferers! How  
mental midgets like us have made it this far in EE  
I'll never know. Long Live The Graveyard! You  
guys have been great friends. Big Man you're su-  
per! Last lap for 10 year reunion. Puck and Marcus,  
you have been great friends and roommates. Pie-  
Face and Booze, you guys are the mostest! Bivelo,  
thanks for everything. Rob, you'll always be small!  
Hey Meatheads! GET BIG!! Wayne and Glen, you  
guys keep your chins up and maintain the sense of  
humor. Mom, Pops, Don and Heather, thanks and  
I love you. You're on my mind. Much have I  
lossed, much have I gained.

DYKES-1986 Benny Walker

— 1992 Glen Buck, Wayne Darrington



**William Eugene Miller III**

Willie, Pretty Boy, Wm. E.  
Army-English  
Berryville, Virginia

Virgin Private; Number One Club; Century  
Club; Conduct Pro; Academic Pro; (All Pro);  
Double sessions of Summer School all three  
years; Cadet Staff Writer; English Society; Pre-  
Law Society; Young Republicans; D.A.C.S. Lab  
Ass't.; Monogram Club; Tennis Team.

FRIENDS. Looking back on these past four  
years at VMI and reflecting on things it has  
taught me (such as honor, discipline) and the  
characteristics of my personality it has refined  
(such as respect, morality) I have to say that the  
most precious commodity I have acquired  
(besides honor) are my friends. My relation-  
ships with my brother rats have taught me more  
about myself than all other facets of VMI com-  
bined. Without names, I'll just leave this state-  
ment: "The Boys" (and you know who you are)  
thank you, I love you all.

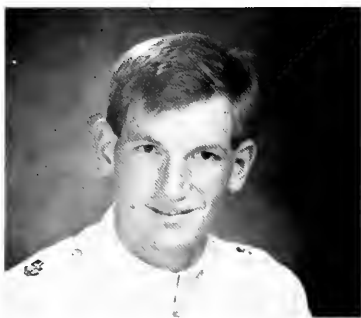
FAMILY. Needless to say, my mother, father,  
and sister have had an integral hand in my  
success at VMI; Mom, Dad, and Kristen: thank  
you for all the love, patience, and support  
(through good times and bad). I love you and I  
am proud to carry the family name with you. To  
the Mitchells, my second family: you are the  
best, between you and my family I couldn't  
have possibly failed.

HISTORY. Cadetship: over half of it on con-  
finement. Regrets? No. Well, a #1 for beer re-  
sidue in cup; ten weeks from the RDC for being a  
frat-rat; all three summers in double sessions of  
summer school; riot, Phi-Psi at W&L, third class  
year? On the whole, no real regrets. I definitely  
made some bad decisions while I was at VMI,  
but the best decision I ever made was coming to  
VMI.

DYKES-1985 Rob Mitchell

— 1992 Dan Mazzei





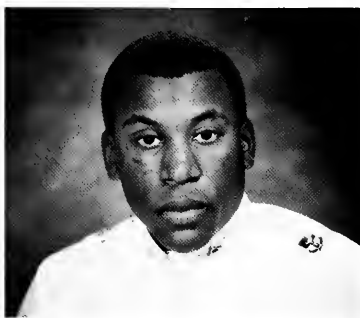
**Robert Anderson Miller Jr.**  
Tangent, Shaggy, Jocko, "R.A."  
Army-English  
Lake Ridge, Virginia

Soccer 4,3,2,1; Glee Club 4,3; Number One Club 4; Campus Awareness Club 4,3,2,1; Swamp Club 3; Ranker Geek Club 1.

"And now it's time to say goodbye to all my family . . . Well, it's about that time. Time to challenge life, for the first time, unfettered. Yep, no more Momma Wierd telling me to ask Poppa Harbach if I can go out to play. That's right, if I want to, I can just do it, with no fear that my big brother, the "Tac" will tell on me. For those that wonder if I will be at all upset at leaving the "I", let's just say that William Shakespeare said it best in King Lear when he said, "You think I'll weep, Nay, I'll not weep. My heart will break into a hundred thousand flaws or ere I'll weep!" Point taken?"

Well, Hal, how did we do it? We've managed to live through three years with each other! Never thought it would happen. Three years at each other's throat and both of us none the worse for it. Oh well, thanx for the good times and fond memories. And the ever sarcastic and famously humorous nerd, John. Couldn't very well forget you, now could I? Hey dude, have fun next year. I'll be thinking of you. Kuhndog, you bozo, take care of yourself, Bud. Remember the plan. Where do you want 2 "B"? And to the rest of my fine BR English majors, Angelo, Raffy, Dave, Gera, and Martus . . . Kick ass in the real world! To Dan Schnock, guess dumb got the last laugh, huh. To Rob Schnock, don't throw it all away! To coach B and Boss Ross, you're both great. Keep it up. Lastly, thanx M, D and K.

DYKES-1986 Jeff Maclay  
— 1992 Karl Bostwick, Colin Hammond



**Lennon Mings Jr**  
Army-Mechanical Engineering  
Newport News, Virginia

Basketball (Captain 1); Promaji Club.

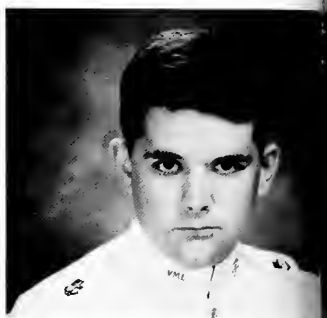
On August 21, 1985, we matriculated to the "I" not knowing what to expect. We were all enthusiastic. We all ran into the ratline. We endured and on March 3, 1986, we broke out. Still we endured and made it to Ring Figure.

Now, perhaps, we wait for the most exciting event of all, the graduation of the class of 1989. At this point we reflect back to the ups and downs. I think of the good friends I made. And I feel sorrow for those who did not make it this far.

Now I look forward to the future with open eyes. I hope that in my stay at the "I", I have become prepared for what I consider the unpredictable. I hope I will be able to plant my feet firmly and conquer.

Finally, to my two dykes, I hope you two learn to see further than just to the tips of your noses. There will always be some type of "Ratline" you will go through throughout your lives. It just so happened that the one you went through here is more visible. There will always be some type of barrier to go through or mountain to climb. But in the end there is only one success, and that is to overcome. I know when all is said and done you two will be on top.

DYKES-1986 Thomas McHugh  
— 1992 M. Chadwick, P. Covington



**Christopher D. Mitchell**  
Mitch, Flipper, Boxhead  
Navy-History  
Vienna, Virginia

Rat 4, Cpl 3, Ops Sgt 2, F Co XO 1; Mef Clown Corner 3,2; Navy Scholarship 2,1; an's List 3; Virginia Program at Oxford 2; dent Society 3,1; CWRT 4; Summer Scho George Mason University 3,2,1.

What began as putting my signature in Matriculation book ends with my writing history. I could say a lot about what has opened to me at this school, but that would be useless repetition of a much repeated story. Instead, I just want to say that it's not the money but the people that make this place. VMI have been the best to learn the good and bad leadership. I can only hope that I can take these lessons where it really matters.

Pete and John: Thanks for talking me out of moving elsewhere, after all, where would I have gotten the extra boots and fatigue toms, or spent half the night talking about anything from politics to which beer tastes best? I doubt that I will ever have the luck finding two roommates like you guys again, do, they'll have a hell of a standard to beat.

Finally I want to thank two people who pushed, consoled and inspired me, my parents. To my mother, who never stopped worrying about me and from whom I have finally learned to temper my excitement with calm. The part of this history I save for my father. You all those who helped me, understand why I chose this place and of all those people was still the one who inspires me to be what I have always wanted to be and we both know what that is. Again, Thanks.

DYKES-1986 Dave Adams  
— 1992 Kent Gring, Adam Gregor





**Michael Joseph Monfalcone**  
Falcon, Honk, Boss, Louie  
Navy-History, Int'l Studies  
Mechanicsville, Virginia

4, Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Lt 1; Cadre 2,1; Soccer 3;  
Design Committee; Trident Society 2,1;  
tion Club 2,1; BB Fan Club 4,3,2,1; A  
ker 4,3,2,1; Dean's List 4,2; International  
ars Club 1.

our years ago I left the security and  
fulness of my humble abode to attend this  
nd" institution. At first it befuddled me as  
hy I chose to become enslaved here. Did I  
ally enjoy getting my chin in, rifle runs,  
at parties and pushups? Well, that's a neg-  
y, but when you're finally king of the hill, it  
seems so much nicer that it was a long hard  
and not just any other college experience.  
Luck", "Shovel", and "Huge" — We had a  
fun together. Good luck in the future. NO!  
n't put on my nose again. Thank you Mom  
Dad for your love and support during my  
bds of temporary hair loss. I owe a lot to  
Mary, for putting up with me and the  
ins" of Institute life. I look forward to our  
re together.

hen you find yourself in a strange, un-  
own place, don't worry. Just do what I do —  
e yourself at home.

**DYKES-1986 Glen "Nuke" Newcomb**  
— 1992 Jerry "JR" Allen



**Michael Edgar Moore**  
Zeke  
Army-Mechanical Engineering  
Locust Grove, Virginia

Pep Band 4,3,2,1; Corporal, Sergeant, Private;  
Militia Club 2; VMI Band 4,3,2,1; Happily En-  
gaged Club 4,3,2.

Well it's been interesting. Four years of both fun  
and despair. We had to carry the load of both  
academics and military discipline. You find your-  
self wondering was it all worth it. After weighing  
the pros and cons, I conclude that it was. Only at  
VMI could I have learned to work under such  
pressure and responsibility. I'm happy about hav-  
ing accomplished the challenge of VMI. I'm es-  
pecially grateful about the support of my family.  
Thanks Mom and Dad for being behind me. I'm  
also grateful for a certain beautiful girl that stuck  
by me through thick and thin. We were apart a lot  
and VMI hampered me from being with her more  
than once, but she stuck by my side. Alison, I love  
you with all my heart. Last, but not least, my  
buddies of room "07", Dan, Mark and Bob. Hey  
Dan, I'm glad I met you. Thanks for being my  
bestest buddy for the past four years. You made me  
laugh when I needed. Your lucky school's only  
four years long because if I had a little more time  
I'd be whipping your butt in Racketball. Bob, if you  
had a lifetime you might have been able to beat  
me. Mark, well life is not that long. Zeke, it's been  
great to have you as my best friend. I never had a  
best or really close friend before. Now I know what  
I missed. You've helped me pull through these  
years and kept me going. I'll always be your friend  
and there when you need me and also when you  
don't. Take care. Dan.

**DYKES-1986 Steve Chill**  
— 1992 John Driscoll



**Thomas Frank Moore**  
Troll, TF  
Army-History  
St. Marys, West Virginia

Cpl 3, Plt Sgt/Ops Sgt 2, Hotel Co. XO 1; Cadre  
2,1; Ranger Plt. 2; Tanker Plt 3; Rat Training 1.

Well, what can I say, I could say it's been fun but  
it hasn't. If it wasn't for John, Bob and Yuh-Loong,  
I guess I never would have made it. For your  
support, my brothers, I thank you. Yuh-Loong,  
we've been roommates four years now. It will be  
different, you not being around, but you have  
given me much, my friend. Best wishes to you and  
Lynn-Take care.

To Ashley-you were there when I needed help.  
With your understanding you helped me to realize  
who I was and what I had to do. Now that we have  
gone our own ways, I remember you often . . .

To RT-I made it. Bob-thank you.  
John, good luck with Becky. Wayne, Spike, Dew,  
Bill, Mike M, Marty, Mike D, George, Al, Sossi,  
Dan and Lu-take it easy. Now for my best man-  
Brent, we've had some hard times, lived through  
some bad times and fell off our share of bar stools  
together. The Troll remembers, but we no longer  
sing "I Drink Alone". You introduced me to the  
best thing in my life and we suffered through this  
place together. You are like a brother to me. Take  
care always — stay in touch. I saved the best for  
last — that of course is you Elizabeth. You are the  
force that keeps me going. You brought meaning to  
my life here. With the understanding, love and  
strength you have given me, I thank you so very  
much. I have but this to repay you — I Love You  
— For Always and Forever — TFM.

**DYKES-1986 RT Thompson, AB Johnson**  
— 1992 BC Pettery





**Michael Bunn Murphy**  
Mad-Dog, Murph, Smurfy  
Air Force-History  
Fairfax, Virginia

Cross Country and Riffle Club 4,2,1; Academic Furlough 3; Martial Arts Club 2,1; Virgin Private.

If you think too much you miss the point.  
Thank You and Goodbye.



**Lawrence Albert Nathan**  
Lar-Bo, Lar-Bear, The Wanderer  
USMC-Electrical Engineer/Psych  
Bakersfield, California

Free Association Society 3,2,1; 1930 X-Check Gang 3,2,1; Marine Corps Marathon 3,2,1; Semper Fi Society 4,3,2,1; Unauthorized Vehicle in County 4,3,2; Jedi Master 4,3,2,1; The Pirate 3,2,1; Number One Club 4,3,2,1 (Not really)

Well, I've just been told that there are no more extensions for First Class histories so I figured that it was about time that I wrote mine. Still, with the two extra months that I had to write it I haven't come up with something original and humorous to say so I'll just stick with something unoriginal and mundane. First and foremost I'd like to thank my parents and family whose support morally and monetarily has made my graduation possible. Next, my friends away from the "I", that never forgot me in spirit though they may have forgotten my address (John, Kim, Mikey, Ray, Michelle). Remember my friends "The roses can wait for yet another day". I'd also like to thank Kari and her family and Bill's family for their support and a home away from home when it was really needed. I'd like to thank my friends here at the "I" for sharing the good times with me and seeing me through the bad (Har-Bo, Mike, Mark, Dan, Andre, John, Ricardo, John and especially Dave and Seth). Last, a special thanks to Bill and Leigh; Leigh, thanks for being such a special friend; Bill, though I take a path less travelled, you've left a trail easy to follow and given me the inspiration to keep on going! Fare thee well "Old Friends" and Godspeed to you all. "Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will, to strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield!"-Tennyson

**DYKES-1986 Jim Harcarick**  
— 1992 Mark McCary, John Shorter



**George Donald Noewatne**  
McFly, Knute Rockne, Neeowatne  
Army-Civil Engineering  
Madison, Connecticut

Rat 4, Cpl 3, Reg Color Sgt 2, 1 Co XO 1; Dead List 3,2; Cadre 2,1; CRC 4,3,1; DMS; Rang Platoon 4,3; Rat Training 1; ASCE; AUS Bigg's Winner 3; VMI Engineering Society 2; HMWHC; Sgt Lan's Army Fun Time.

Well, this is it! I won't reflect about years gone by, since everything I can say has already been said. I will simply state that I would never do again, but I would not trade the experiences, friendships for anything! I came to VMI as an ignorant Yankee, yet I leave as a cultured Southern Yankee. Anyway, a few things are in order:

Andrew, we've been companions for four years now. You are the closest thing I have to a brother yet we are much closer than brothers because of our shared experiences. You have shown a lot of the meaning of true friendship, and I hope you and Karen have a long, happy life together.

Mr. and Mrs. Rose, you are like a second set of parents to me, and I cherish our relationship. Over the years, I have been the recipient of your generosity and kindness, and I will always be grateful.

Lastly, Mom and Dad. If it wasn't for you, I wouldn't have finished half the things I started. You are my strength and have been there every step of the way. This is my chance to tell you that I love you, and am proud to be your son. I feel as Lou Cherie did when he said "I consider myself the luckiest man on the Earth." To the Class of 89, Thanks for the memories, and I'm proud to have been associated with you all. 92, Good luck and remember to keep up the fire!

**DYKES-1986 Rob Johnson**  
— 1992 Ron Huzzard, Tom Timmes



**DYKES-1985 Russel H Orrison**  
— 1992





**Gary Gene Nowlin**  
G., Sluggo, Prof G  
Air Force-Chemistry  
Salem, Virginia

3,2 Pres 1; Blood Committee 3,2 Pres 1;  
and Floor 3,2; S-2 Chem Tutor 3,2; Rat  
ning 1.

re now spent four years here at the "I", and  
ve with many memories. I wonder what  
become of me and my friends.  
want to thank Mom and Dad for getting me  
the "I", and Alan, Mel, and Joann for getting  
through.

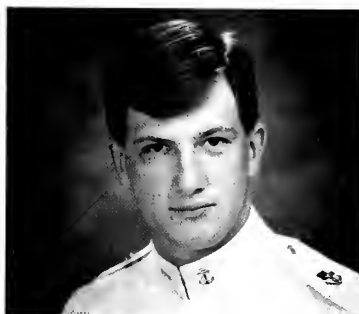
bb, T.D., Mike and Raffi, you have proven  
e people can live thru anything. Drew,  
n and Neal, it seems we proved the only  
through Maury-Brook is in a bottle of  
H. THANKS AND GOD BLESS.

alone, or in twos  
e ones who really love you  
alk up and down, outside the wall  
me hand in hand  
me gathering together in bands  
e bleeding hearts and artist make their  
d when they're given you their all  
me stagger and fall, after all it's not easy  
nging your heart against some mad bug-  
WALL

PINK FLOYD  
outside The Wall"

ust hate it when that happens!!

KES-1986 Daryl Agee  
-1992 M. Kirkmire, S. Peterzell



**Robert Rennolds O'Ferrall**  
Ofer, Opeow, Obird, Boomer  
Army-Economics  
Richmond, Virginia

Baseball 4,3,2,1; Track 4; GC Sec; Horsemen;  
Virgin Private; Monogram Club; English So-  
ciety; Firefighters; Conservativists Club; Ghetto  
Warriors.

Thanks goes out to all those that made this  
possible and bearable: Mom-you were always  
there for me with a smile, thanx. Pop, thanx for all  
your help. I guess maybe you were right-I can't say  
it's been all bad. Shannon, Patrick, Walter, Helen,  
Old McBoo, and the new sheriff in town Gus-I  
can't tell you how much you mean to me. Pat, you  
used to laugh and now you have no hair. Frankie-  
Graduation Day it will all be worthwhile. Finally,  
just a few comments to the boys of '42-Mutt I will  
miss most your subtle ways. Low crawling advice,  
the Fudd kick and "I shot the Mockingbird" are  
reminders of a few stories. I am sure that the pain  
from Heidi's absence will subside. Dave-the blond  
headed QBll with an X cheerleader by his side. I  
think I will miss most your friendly sexual advice  
in times of need. Don't forget about us when you  
get drafted-or married? Gordo-I wish you didn't  
have to leave us early but I will never forget the  
hardest man in the room with a babyface and a  
language all his own. Slob-I will miss most your  
morning moods and breath. I know you will miss  
this place more than any of us. I leave you with but  
one thought found in Daniel's letter-"I've always  
hated seeing marriage broken up by another wom-  
an." Julia, the only thing I know to say to you is  
thanks-I couldn't have done it without you. I'll  
miss all the horsemen. Thanks for all the times  
Frank.

DYKES-1986 Musclehead, Chicken  
— 1992 Zigi, Whitty, Tennis



**Christopher Winthrop Ogden**  
Og, Oggie-Dog, Ogger, Og-Monster  
Navy-Mechanical Engineering  
Naples, Florida

Dean's list 4,3,2 Academically Distinguished 2;  
Engineering Society of VMI VP 2,1; ME Ranger  
School 2; Swirly-Court VP 2; CRC VP 1; Cpl 3,  
Plt Sgt 2, Plt Lt 1.

"Independence limited  
Freedom of choice  
Choice is made for you my friend  
Freedom of speech  
Speech is words that they will bend  
Freedom with their exception"  
-Metallica

There's so much that can be said about the  
"I". The two quotes I've included pretty much  
sum it up. You know who you are and you'll get  
yours — Thank you Smith Hall. To Tony: How  
did you put up with me? I know I couldn't, but  
you did and I'm going to miss you. To the M.E.  
Crew: Fitz, with your words of wisdom, wit and  
great spelling, thanks for everything; Ledge,  
you radical hippie, see you in Nuke School;  
T.C. thanks for being a friend; To all the others  
too numerous to mention, especially the 2nds  
and 3rds, have fun in hell. I'm outta here.

The following is self explanatory:  
"There's nothing I hate more,  
Than all these plastic people  
With all their plastic promises;  
And all their plastic deals  
They just can't be themselves,  
And live their own lives out  
They're just an imitation of what life's all  
about"

— Anthrax

Dykes-1986 Greg Simpson  
— 1992 Colby Howard





**John Harold Osborn**  
Ozzie  
Army — Civil Engineering  
Akron, Ohio

Swim Team 4,3,2,1; Cpl. 3; S-2 Sergeant 2; S-2 Lt. 1; TCFC 3,2; CE Seminar Chairman

Three years ago, I was told that my time at VMI would go fast. This was said to me as my all-knowing and very helpful dyke was writing his history. Well, it has gone fast, even though at times I didn't think it could go fast enough. At VMI there is a problem with time, you never have enough to get everything done and in the same respect there is always too much time between furloughs. The time has added up, and even though at times I wish I could have done more, my time is about over. The support from my family and friends was more than one could wish for. Mom, Dad, and Linda you are the best family in the world. Chris and Pete, it has been a long four years of my complaining and late night teeth brushing, thanks. VMI swimming will never be the same. Thank you Matt, Lowell, Rick, and the "Ohio Connection" Steve. A special thank you must go out to a person who kept me in the letter receiving business. You have heard it all, went through it all, and felt every failed test and every time of celebration. You have always been there to support me or kick me in the behind to get going. Jenny, I thank you. Good luck John and Eric, you both have the potential to do whatever you want here, and it better be good because I know here you live. In closing, I just want to be the last to say, "Matt, Lowell, and Quinn, you are sooo smart!!" Thanks again Mom, Dad, Linda, Jeeny, and all my friends.

**Dykes-1986 Jim Agostini**  
— 1992 John Walters, Eric Eyman



**William G. Oxtoby**  
Ox  
Army-Biology  
Macomb, Illinois

Ranger Challenge 3; Advanced Camp 3; Air Assault 3; Rat Training 2; Corporal 2; Sergeant 3; Plt. Leader 4; Deans List 3; Distinguished Military Student 3

Congratulations Brother Rats of the Class of 1989. Whether you finished your sentence on time or plan on attending VMI's Graduate School, it just doesn't matter, just do it. Even in light of penalty tours, Third Class year, and Mallory Hall, there are cures for the diseases: roommates, B.R.'s, football games, road trips, my rack, Centel, and sanity. Keep with you the rest of your lives the traits and skills you acquired here. Let them know where you came from. To Brother Rats going into the service, good hunting. To B.R.'s going into civilian life, cut me a loan later.

**Dykes-1986 Al B. Miller**  
— 1992 George Lee Ross



**Brian Dwayne Pannell**  
Tank, Sham-Pup, Bindi Voic  
Marine Corps-Economics  
Derwood, Maryland

Football 4,3,2,1; Promaji 4,3,2,1; FCA 1; Chain Student 3,1, 2,2, Black Knights 4,3,2,1

I guess I have to start with the reason I came back to the "T": THE BLACK KNIGHTS. First love you all, and second, well Slep—"Both of us" "Mac" — "How old are you?" Tracy — "I started with you!" J.C. — "Many a man I LIEVED that they could beat Mike Tyson! couldn't have made it through this place with you all. I know it's been hard, and at times I did think we'd make it, but we beat the system, and beat the school. As far as girls go, yeah it "hurts" but, I'll get over it, and regain my avar. Amy, Tory, Dawn, watch-out for my boys! I d. want to get any phone calls saying that, "Brian, dumped me," because I know where to find y J., stop being so hard, so we can find out who handle the chief!

Now to my family. Chrissy, Rick, Tony, clothes will never be the same! I'm sorry for I've acted in the past, but I'm sure you can understand that I needed to grow up. Dad, no will ever be able to understand you, but thank for being my father figure. Mom! What's the sli bet you feel like you have 30 sons here at the and if sometimes you get confused about w yours, I am the one who charges everything to I Love U!

To all my boys (no, I don't have room to n you all), Phil, and Steve, 116, 110, Delta, Rob, Bob, the Little Knights, and the rest, "Keep risi hte top ... give it all you got!!!" God Bless

**Dykes-1986 Ambrose Phillips**  
— 1992 L.L., Hubba, Scott





**Paul Hamilton Pardew**

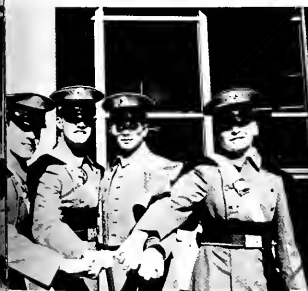
**P-Square, Dew, Pard  
Army-History  
Springfield, Virginia**

3 Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Reg S-3 Lt 1; Ring Design  
HMHWC 4,3,2,1; IHHC 4,3,2,1; Orphan  
Adopted 4,3,2.

ot of people made it possible for me to be here  
at times for putting their foot in my butt to  
me going. So I want to say thank you to the  
dizels, for giving me the home I needed at  
VMI. To the Moores for starting me on this ad-  
venture. To all my parent's endless amounts of  
love for helping me. To my favorite teacher, Mrs.  
Nerman, I told you I'd do it. And of course  
Dad, and Dad, it was hard but I made it. So now  
I can use both feet on Jon, good luck to both of  
you. I love you both. Mom, thank you for your  
love and support. Dad, I really appreciate  
guidance and I hope someday I am just like  
you but remember you are just a leg to me. To my  
homies — well we all made it. Keith, you're  
my soul brother. Wayne, I guess you and I  
need to say too much, it's all been said. To all  
you good luck. To my 3rd class roomie Rob —  
you're legally drunk — well, then what's the  
plan. But mostly this goes out to my closest  
friends Mike MonFalcone, Wayne Jones, John  
Piedmont, Greg Kendrick, Tom  
ner — no I won't miss you — Bill Bersing,  
— I hear him saying it — Masley. All you  
are the best friends I've ever had, good luck to  
you. I couldn't have made it without your  
friendship. I love you all. It is time to pound brew  
body Hall and be obnoxious Alumnus. Thank  
for all those anti-stress sessions which end up  
your heads in the trash cans. All of the above  
x.

**KES-1986 Max Moorehead**

**— 1992 Dean Case, Scott Blackburn**



**Todd Allen Patnesky**

**Fatnasty, Poodle, Pooh, Scrock  
Army-Biology  
Franklin, Virginia**

Rat-tie 4, Cpl 3, Sgt 2, PRIVATE 1; OGA Vice  
Pres; One of Gup's Pups; Eucremania 2,1; Hon-  
or Court Reject 2; Summer School Director  
4,3,2,1; SCFA Society 2,1; In Love 2,1; Ac-  
ademically Extinguished 3,2; "Goat Trail"  
Beastmaster; Confinement 4,3,2,1; BH Parties  
3,2,1.

My Cadetship actually began the summer before  
Matriculation after receiving my acceptance to the  
Mother "T". I had been to one of those great S-5  
week ends and having a father as an alumnus, well  
I thought I had this place figured out even before I  
got here. Shortly thereafter my Dad sat me down  
one evening and gave me the inside scoop on VMI.  
It was also the first time that he called me "son". I  
started to ponder what I was getting myself into,  
but I accepted my fate with a grin. Sort of? The  
Ratline! What else need be said. 3rd class year?  
Next I kept telling myself "Someday this is all  
going to end". Well, now it's almost over. I could  
never have done it without my beloved BRs. I love  
ya'll. To my roomies: Derek, Love ya Babe, but  
promise me you'll wait a week before you wash the  
Batmobile again. Tom, good luck with Missy! I'm  
honored to be your Best Dude! Matt, Best wishes to  
you and Christine and the USMC you jarhead.  
Mom and Dad, your endless support could not be  
equalled. I know I probably aged both of you 10  
years but you always had faith in me. I love you  
both very much. Alice, where would I be without  
you love and guidance. I would need this whole  
book to describe what you mean to me. You were  
always there. I Love You Angel. — You can't  
always get what you want, but if you try some-  
times you just might find you get what you need.  
RS BYEVMI

**DYKES-1986 Scott Wagner**

**— 1992 Rob Ritchie, Paul Barnes**



**Jonathan Alex Paul**

**J.P., Jon, Gramps, P., Sweet  
Navy-History  
Tyler, Texas**

Pvt 4,1 Cpl 3, Sgt Maj 2; No 1 Club; Dean's List  
4-1; Academically Distinguished 2,1; Rat Train-  
ing 4,3; Rugby 2; "Grand Slam" 2; Break "88"  
Crew 2; Oxford Program; English Society 1;  
Capt "O" Fan Club 2,1; Investment Club 1;  
College Republicans 1; Int. Relations Club 2,1.

My outlook on things has certainly changed  
since I entered the "T". I was young, impressio-  
nable and motivated — even bordering on  
"tweezemish". However I do not regret my first  
formidable years here, but rather look on them as  
being a genuine growing experience. VMI afforded  
me the opportunity to study in Europe for 2 sum-  
mers which changed my perspectives and allowed  
me to see beyond the narrow scope which I viewed  
things through a few years ago.

On top of all that I have learned, I have managed  
to have a fairly decent time under the circum-  
stances. I have made some really good, hopefully  
enduring friendships over these past years. Pie Boy  
and Tom — I think we have done something  
which few have even attempted by sticking to-  
gether all four years. We made it through some  
tough times and I won't soon forget the late nights  
pondering life and our "problems". I really want to  
thank the Lawrences who also helped me a great  
deal. Mom and Dad — I can't thank ya'll enough  
for everything. Fish-mon, we had some great times  
together and I only regret you're not here for the  
last year. Anchors away — Mr Rougeau — anchors  
away! Hunter and Rumble — keep the table in  
good shape as I may drop by to give ya'll a lesson.  
DYKES — good luck and remember — "there's  
still many a mile and many a bear left to go". —  
and hopefully it's all worth it.

— adios

**DYKES-1986 Ronnie Mays**

**— 1992 Sutton Turner, Kenner Conon**







**Richard Fairfax Pell**

Doc  
Army-B.S. Biology  
Winchester, Virginia

ASME 4,3; Cadet Waiter 3; Computer Lab Assistant 2,1; Circle K 2,1; College Republicans 1; Timmon's Society 1; Scuba Club 1.

On August 21st, 1985,  
Matt, Todd, Billy and I made the trip to Lexington.  
We had been told what to expect.  
Long and grueling, it would be no fun.

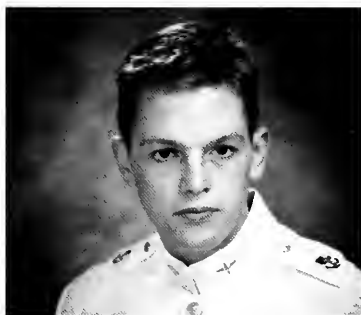
So many times since I have said to myself,  
"You were such a fool!"  
But I must say that I would never trade  
Lessons learned for luxuries of civilian school.

Good and bad times with roommates etched in mind,  
I speak of George, Tim and Buddy.  
With certainty I say  
Seldom seen are four guys more different than we.

Most missed will be friendships  
Once we all disperse.  
Bunky, remember the 'S' is silent,  
And Pete I know you have always done worse.

For two and one half years I have drifted aimlessly.  
The most accurate epithet being a cloud.  
Mom, Dad, Nan and Amy, Thanks for your support.  
Having found direction, I will make you proud.

DYKES-1986 Jim Jenkins  
— 1992 Matt Owings, Pete Kloeppel



**Marc Douglas Peltier**

Army-History, German  
Columbus, Ohio

Band 4,3,2,1; Commanders 4,3,1; Timmon's Society 4,3; USSA 1; Fencing 4,3; German Soldier 2; Republican Party 4,3,2,1; Cpl 3, Reg't S-1 Sgt 2, Band Co XO 1.

Like a typical cadet I am writing this history the night before it is due — so I'd better get going. Dwayne, Kevin, Ian, Tom, Matt, Steve, the trombone section, Chris, Beefcakes, Cpt. Brodie — thanks guys! Without you a big part of my life at VMI would be missing. I learned a lot while I was here, but the main thing was: when given a chance or task — when one sets their mind to it, there is no reason not to succeed. I've had a long but successful cadetship at this more than ridiculous boy's school. My year in Germany was the high point of my time at VMI (strange... that year wasn't spent at VMI!) I received a very good education at VMI, but had to work for it. Nothing worthwhile will ever just be handed to you (Although the Institute proved this theory wrong on several occasions by throwing hundreds of thousands of dollars away on speakers who had no great knowledge to pass on. P.M. Heath??.. Give me a break guys! — Bring back G. Gordon Liddy!!). Freundschaft habe ich hier gefunden. Meine kommanden werde ich nie vergessen, so lange ich lebe. Diese Schule ist doch keine Universitaet, sondern etwas anders. Eine gute Ausbildung ist schwierig hier zu bekommen. Etwas an VMI muss anders, aber was... das ist eine gute Frage. Tom, ich werde dich vermissen! Alex — geh NIE nach Mary Baldwin. Es gibt nur Probleme dort! Mom, Dad, Dan, Duke, Grandma, Aunt Ruby, Grandma and Pat, Uncle Hugh, Aunt Mary — Thanks for your help and love.

DYKES-1986 Gene Walton  
— 1992 Ahn-Tuan Nguyen



**Steven Rendell Peyton**

The Boss, Spedlo, Dirty Dog #  
Navy-Electrical Engineering  
Lothian, Maryland

Summer School 3,2; RFT Cadre 2,1; Dirty Dog Club 1; Conduct Pro Club 2; Rank — W Cares?

Spedlo has been searching for his visionquest 3 years travelling across many high mountains, crossing swift running streams and running on vast plains. Guess what folks, he is still searching. The one thing I've learned in my travels is that it is too short not to enjoy it. Part of enjoying life is having friends, and the friends I have at VMI are the greatest. The list is so long with so many memories. Buddha, Beaker, TJ, Ears Mulligan, Duffster, Wuz, Seabo, Woody, Jernibone, Big Blockhead, T-Link, Drew Baby and it goes on and on. I think that if it wasn't for my Mom and Dad, I wouldn't have come here. But don't worry, I will hold a grudge for too long, just another 20 or 30 years. Hey Duffy, Get off me! VMI life has 4 simple stages; no hair, radios, rings/ Duffy, get off again! and diplomas, and I'm about to surmount this last stage, but what do I do after that? I know I'll remember one thing, it's better to burn out than to fade away!! Anyway, to my princess JT that for all the memories and I hope there'll be many more. Hey Beaker, which way to the beach? E. Mulligan, borrow my car, anytime, just remember to check the steering Buddy! TJ, wanna go on Journey again? Seabo, aka Franz, here me now believe later, we want to pump you up. Budd may your stomach always be full and your womb plentiful. To my roommates, your always welcome to my cold beer. Thanks guys, I Love You. Duffy, get off me again!

DYKES-1986 James Dickenson  
— 1992 Joel Coleman, Howard Stills





**John Patrick Piedmont**

Bobo, Baby Duck, Mr. Tolerance  
Marine Corps-History  
Roanoke, Virginia

Cpl 3, Msgr/S-3 Sgt 2, Reg't S-3 1; Rat  
ing 4,2,1; Rat Head-Banging 2; USMC  
Summer '88 (Barely); Semper Fi 4,3,2,1;  
C Scholarship 4,3,2,1; Mathematics X 2.

think that I am one of the lucky in that VMI  
out to be exactly the way I pictured it,  
one of the strange in that I love the In-  
VMI has taught me quite a bit — to put a  
stride in my step, to hold on for dear life to  
and friends, to slog through life's ugly  
and to pick out the jerks in a crowd.  
VMI hasn't made me any more tolerant.  
is really too much to say so I'll cut it  
To Mom and Dad, you both made it  
n. To the sisters, you probably wanted  
go elsewhere, but I'll bet I had as much  
you did. To my love, Becky, you have  
me so much in the past five years, and I  
lost of me to you. My enduring love to all

er thanks must go to: The Ducks, Toaster-  
Shovel, Falcone, Paulie, Heath, Granger,  
Captain O, my old standby Marty, Ger-  
dan, Delta Coy '89, '90, '91; Spike (we're  
th alike it's scary), and Richard H.S. Song  
're not here now, but you were when it  
ed. And most of all to Mick.

you're not having fun, you're in the wrong  
ss" — Major Hanly

war almost certainly does not ennoble,  
e preparation of men to fight in it almost  
ly can, and very often does." — General  
n Hackett

ES-1985/6 M. Chang, J. Dixon  
1992 T. Fang, D. Connolly



**Duncan Cliff Porter**

Beergut, Sponge  
Marine Corps-Economics  
Mobile, Alabama

Rat 4, Cpl 3, 1st Sgt 2, Captain 1; Dean's List  
4,2; BR of the Year 4; Semper Fi 3,2,1; English  
Society 1; Firefighters 1; MBC 3,2; The Them  
Haters.

From inside these sullen stucco walls, I write  
these simple words that could not possibly express  
my feelings. I stepped through the arch this sum-  
mer only to realize there were no more steps to  
climb; come 20 May the long awaited walk out  
Jackson Arch into life will arrive. I can only begin  
by thanking those who have made my pleasant  
stay at VMI possible. To Max Rogers Sr. I cannot  
express my gratitude for initiating the process. You  
have been a continuing guiding light in my life;  
you will never be forgotten. To Dr. and Mrs. Stev-  
ens, the Mobile alumni, and the members of St.  
Pauls, a mere thank you seems diminutive. To all  
of the guys near the bay, thanks for always being  
there when I was released from Mother I. VMI Bob,  
is the presidential race in order? You may be an  
elephant on the outside, but I have seen those long  
ears protruding. Fish, we miss you, that sick humor  
that is so sweet. Harrison, all I can say is you will  
always be a trip. Kramer, thanks for sharing all  
those seemingly endless nights with me, in joy,  
tears and XTC. You're the best friend I could ever  
ask for — I Luv Ya. To the girls 33 miles N, you  
will always have a special place in my heart. To my  
BRs, we are the future, KICK IT. To Doc, you are a  
saint, thank you for your infinite wisdom and  
precious time. To my family, I owe you my ex-  
istence, I LOVE YOU, and thank you. To the world  
and mankind; Love, Peace and Harmony — The  
Smiths.

DYKES-1986 Chris Pete  
— 1992 Carl Vause



**Sean W Raborn**

Airborne  
Army-Mechanical Engineering  
Lexington, Virginia

Rat Training Cadre; I Co RDC.

Past  
Present  
Future

Blood  
Sweat  
and  
Tears

Does  
It  
Ever  
Stop

DYKES-1986 Dave Whittaker  
— 1992 Shawn Turner





## William Morton Rader III

Wuzzer, Fuzz, Schmett  
Air Force — Electrical  
Engineering  
Springfield, Virginia

Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, VP 1; Cadre 3; Cpl 3; Alt. Color Guard 2; Road Trip Crew 3, 2; Rat Training 2, 1; IEEE 2, 1; Late Study Fiend 3, 2, 1.

Why is it when you sit down to write these things you can't figure out what to write? You look back upon many good times, bad times and times that you can't remember or may not want to. All in all the times were great, but it was the people that made it. To those people I owe a great deal, more than I can express in words.

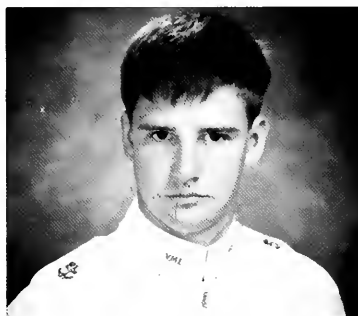
To my parents this has been a long four years with all the mountains to cross, not only to get here but also to stay. I couldn't have done it without your support (and sometimes feeling of lack), and love. I love you dearly and thank you with all my heart.

To Bits, after years of yelling, screaming and hair pulling we have grown up. You have been more than anyone could ask for in your love and support, always being there when I needed you. Thank you for everything and may you be as successful as I have been.

To my roommates, we have made it. It has been a long time since that dark, rainy night you gave me shelter. In that time I have grown fond of you and your little habits. Charlie, with all your trouble with women, Jose and your never ending quest for rack, Ian with the long quest to terrorize rats, and Darrin and your never ending late study. I love you all and thank you.

P.S. Yes Mom, there is life after school.

DYKES — 1986 Gary JG Yap  
— 1992 John Zackrisson



## George Philip Raiford III

Billy Jack  
Army — Mechanical  
Engineering  
Courtland, Virginia

Rugby; TCFC Representative; Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; Lieutenant 1; Achievers 3, 2, 1.

These four years have been long ones, but they have somehow slipped by. Rat year was spent mostly in my dykes room learning how to get to the X without being put back in the ratline. Third class year we learned that TV helps the GPA, and you could take a weekend to Richmond instead of going to Estelle's and save a lot of money. Second class year we finally got our rings. Ring Figure was great but I wish I could remember more of it. Second class year we met Zig and he really helped with the attitudes and grades. The birthday trip to Tech in the middle of exams will be to never forget. Thanks for that last shot of Tequila Steve! It's almost over now and I am ready to get it over with. If it were not for Mom and Dad I do not think I could have done it.

DYKES — 1986 Paul Pruitt  
— 1992 Steve Mansfield



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Not  
Available

## Steven Dorsley Rankine

Navy — Mechanical  
Engineering  
Elmont, New York

Cadet Waiters 3, 2, 1; Bomb Squad 1; Wildcat Association; Private 4, 3, 2, 1.

It has been a long road but it is over now.  
Now on to bigger and better things.

DYKES — 1986 Henry Ingram  
— 1992 Queeny, Li'l Walter





**Michael Allen Ratliff**  
Big Al, Big Man  
Force-Electrical Engineering  
Abingdon, Virginia

4,3, Pvt/Sgt/Ops Sgt 2, 2nd Battalion S-3 1;  
and Gun 2,1; IEEE 2,1; Rat Training 1;  
al Car Club 3,2; Football 4,3.

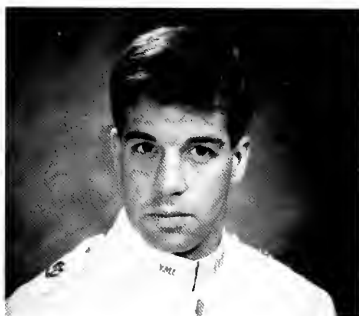
find it hard to believe that I am a first  
man with graduation just around the cor-  
Sometimes I look back and it seems like  
been here forever. And then other times it  
s like only yesterday I had my chin in.  
all I have enjoyed the past 3 years at the  
mainly because of the friends that I have  
id here.

bb, to be thrown in a room with someone so  
rent I think we have had some pretty good  
s over the past 2 years, excluding Mid-  
ter Hops '87. Oh, thanks for all the s — t.  
ne graveyard crew, Dwayne, Troy and my-  
For 3 people to put in as many late nights  
long hours as we did together and not kill  
other but become as good friends that we  
was incredible. Thanks to you two the time  
at in the graveyard was not painful but  
ally fun most of the time.

ly family. I thank you all for helping me  
e it through this place. I could never have  
e it without you all. Thanks Mom for all  
e late night phone calls that helped me  
e it through the next day.

ly rat roommates, Steve and Rob, thanks for  
ing me get started out straight.  
ly dykes, Scott and Kevin, Good luck and  
y it up.

**KES-1986 Alan Letherwood**  
— 1992 S. Swanigan, K. Forrester



**Kramer William Reeves**  
Krame  
Army (SS)-Civil Engineering  
Stanardsville, Virginia

1st Rat Sentinel 4; ASCE 4,3,1; Drunk in Russia  
1986; Political Rebel (Democrat) 1; 60-0-1  
(thanks Capt. Trower) vs OCMNI 3; Dismissed  
3; Pi/2 2; readmitted 1; Virgin Private.

No, not yet ... still another year, however  
the light is not so far. Time ... an absolutely  
uncontrollable dimension. I watched the clock,  
the calendar and the stick, wishing time would  
move quickly so as to be rid of this horrendous  
atmosphere.

Basically I was tricked into attending a mili-  
tary college (military school ... No thanks, I'll  
take Berkely). Like many others I became ad-  
dicted to the fact that I was attending VMI,  
although I hated almost every minute that I was  
physically here.

The ride began in '85; No hair, no buzz and  
no life. Cliff: "Does anyone smoke in here?"  
Bob: "You know my cousin." 1st words of long  
friendships. The ride was going up. A 3.0, a  
summer in Russia, hair, a buzz, a girl, and  
finally a life. Ride peaked and ended. Dismissed  
from school, back to lifelessness. Thanks Bill  
and Dr. Bob. Readmitted, one more try.

Times ... 0330 sticks and stoop talks; DK and  
tag with the all nighters. Sacl and "wild thing"  
at Sigma Nu. Colony and Comfort, Delerious. 3  
out of 5 roommates take sabbaticals ... what?  
Come back John. 5 majors, Harrison?

Nice job on the trick Mom! Without you none  
would have been possible. To my brother, you  
are definately my inspiration. What a long  
strange trip it's been ... "God is closer to me  
than air."

**DYKES-1985 Rick Sullivan**  
— 1992 Alex Walden



**Tom J Reilly**  
TJ, Squirrel, Riles, Cant Left  
Navy-Physics  
Jonesboro, Georgia

Chapel Choir 4,3,2,1; Rat 4, Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Reg't  
Staff 1; Reg't Slug 2,1; Block Running 4,3,2,1;  
Estelles 4,3,2,1.

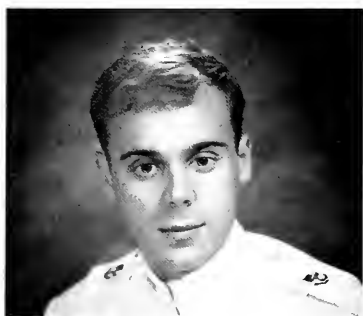
"Look Ma, I've got this place d-----d already!"  
(21 August 1985 — see)

Imagine if you will a place that time forgot; a  
knot in the weave of history; a skid mark on the  
fabric of space. Within these four walls we have  
lived and loved and laughed for four years. I  
never would have made it if it wasn't for the  
people. Mom and Dad, thanks for supporting  
my bad habits; Spedlow, keep the faith; Kringle  
Monster, if you ever need someone to hit I'm  
here. Beak, I wish I partied with you more; Ears  
Mulligan, life is a cabarete old friend but where  
are all the girls; Bulbous and Flappy, you'll  
always be roommates in my heart; and last but  
not most of all Brother Rats just remember "No  
matter where you go, there you are"

Oh, and Mom, I was wrong. I never did figure  
this place out.

**DYKES-1986 Jeff Ax**  
— 1992 John Milstead





**John Lloyd Roberts**  
Lemur  
Army (SS)-History  
Manakin-Sabot, Virginia

Private 4,3,2,1; Confused 4; Having Doubts 3; Disillusioned 2; In Utter Disbelief 1; Pink Floyd Fan 4,3,2,1; Commie Pinko Freak.

I feel the values that VMI instills are inconsistent, archaic, and not befitting an institution of higher learning. At VMI my intellect was stifled and my creativity repressed. Fortunately, the environment did not kill friendship. John, Charlie, Tom, you made it all worthwhile. Mom, Dad, Nita, Randy, your love and support made all the difference.



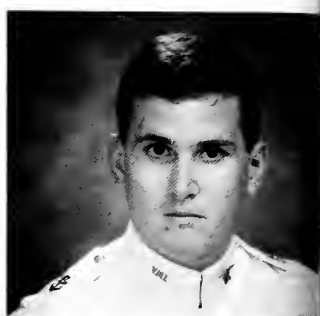
**Edward Jesse Rodriguez**  
Fast Eddie, Rod  
Navy (SS)-Economics/Psychology  
Fallston, Maryland

Virgin Private; Cross Country/Track 4,3; Monogram 3; Towson State College Student 2; Investment Group 1; Society of Young Republicans; RFT Cadre 1; Big Brother/Little Brother 1.

These past four years at VMI have not been in the least bit pleasant, yet I must confess that I have never experienced a more challenging and satisfying period in my life. At times, it seems as though I made my cadetship much more difficult than it really was; I have throughout these four years dwelled too heavily on the negative instead of accenting the positive aspects of a VMI education. For me, the past four years have been difficult, however I am grateful for the chance to receive such a unique education, and am very fortunate to have been blessed with parents, relatives and friends who offered a tremendous amount of moral support, without this I am sure I would not have made it through VMI. I wish to express my gratitude towards my parents whom I love deeply, my grandfather, grandmother and brothers, but most importantly I thank God for the life he has given me. Finally I bestow my best wishes upon Tim and Todd. You both have a difficult task ahead of you yet I know you will both succeed.

"Too long a sacrifice can make a stone of the heart.  
Oh when may it suffice?" — W.B. Yeats

AKM — I love You.



**Andrew Lee Rose**  
Astro, Imely, Snoopy  
Air Force-Chemistry  
Midlothian, Virginia

Rat 4, Cpl 3, 1st Sgt 2, Regt S-4 1; Dean's 4,3,2; Edwin B Jones Scholarship 4,3,2; 4,3; Hop and Floor 4,3,2,1; Absent off post weekends; Karen 4,3,2,1 . . .

"As the mist arose from the dew laced grass  
A boy with head held high."

Watching two brothers successfully complete their tour at VMI proved that no two people are alike. Not even brothers! We may have traversed the four stoops in various ways (I, Head, Permit, Ranker), but we all came out the same; alumnus of the finest school in the nation!

I entered VMI in search of self discipline, but I have gained more than just that: friendship, responsibility, and a great sense of accomplishment. Of course none of this would have happened without George "Mel" Noewatne. You have pulled me through the thick and thin and always kept me laughing. You, the best roommate a person could ask for, I hope our paths cross many times in the future and we always keep in touch! (Remember, Wayne was only an actor).

Mom and Dad: I'm the last of the but generations will follow. Mom, always I see your chin out and go for it. Dad, what can I say but 3.5s in Med School. I love you both for your support! Karen, I save you for last for your future. I will sorely miss VMI weekends, there will never be a time like them. Let us all face the future as one! IMELY

**DYKES-1986 Fred Albrecht**  
— 1992 Mark Munion



**DYKES-1986 Mike Castaldi**  
— 1992 Todd Pegg



**DYKES-1986 Phil Howard**  
— 1992 Paul Gettle, Steve Morris





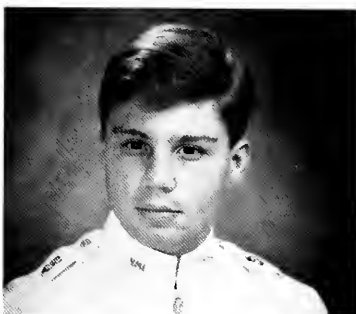
**Gregory Armand Rougeau**  
 ag, Rouge, Duck, Mallard  
 Navy-Economics/French  
 McLean, Virginia

g 4,3; Dean's List 4,3,2,1; Academic Stars  
 Alcohol and Drug Abuse Committee 3,2;  
 ron Delta Epsilon (Econ Honor Society)  
 i Delta Phi (French Honor Society) 3,2,1;  
 Awards Committee 2,1; RDC 1; Invest-  
 Group 1.

end of an action is tranquility, which is not  
 cal with pleasure, as some by a false in-  
 tation have understood, but a state in which  
 ul continues strong, undisturbed by any fear  
 ersion or any other emotion."

Democritus, ancient Greek philosopher.  
 n if VMI had not given me friendships that  
 undoubtedly continue throughout life, or  
 ation which is unlike any other, and a great  
 of self confidence, I am at least grateful that  
 eriences have enabled me to have optimism  
 ing a tranquil future. Thank you Mom and  
 or everything. You are the greatest parents  
 ver could be. Dawn, I know I will always find  
 ness with you. Thank you for always being  
 and understanding, and I'm sorry that I  
 l the understanding that you sometimes  
 d over the past couple of years. Blockhead,  
 e it or not, I've enjoyed rooming with you the  
 ree years, and I hope that you do as well in  
 avy as everyone knows you can. Woppo,  
 uck making it big in God's Country. You're a  
 l for the restaurant business. J.P. get that pen  
 your pocket. I'll be seeing you on the cover  
 une magazine. Finally I would like to thank  
 rofessors Reclam, Henry, Carlsson, Harris,  
 and especially Dr. Monsour for selflessly  
 their time and concern in order to educate  
 hank you — GAR.

**ES-1986 Steve Chill**  
 1992 B. Burgess, S. Price



**David Meckling Royer**  
 Rubber Head, Boy Roy, Rebel  
 Army-English  
 Lynchburg, Virginia

Wrestling 4,3; Pre-Law Society 4,3; Cadet  
 Newspaper Sports Editor 3,2, Editor in Chief 1;  
 Cadet Waiters 3,2,1; English Society 4,3,2,1;  
 VMI Road Runners 4.

Although David is a flaming liberal pinko I  
 managed to live with him for three years. How?  
 I don't know. All kidding aside, I don't think I  
 could have asked for any better roommates.  
 There is nothing like watching two stubborn  
 guys argue over the most pointless matters.  
 This was Dave and Tim. For a good ole boy  
 from the South, David really knows his stuff. I  
 learned early not to talk politics with David. I  
 met David on the wrestling team our rat year,  
 where he commenced kicking my butt. Along  
 with being a good athlete, Dave is a great stu-  
 dent. Dave was able to attain the one thing that  
 gains the respect of all, the stars. He deserved  
 them too. Believe me he is one of the hardest  
 working people I know. No matter what he  
 does, whether it's doing a paper, working on a  
 paper, or just doing his waiters, he strives to do  
 well. There is not just a few things David wants  
 to do in his lifetime. I am truly convinced that  
 he will try everything.

The one thing about David that I love and  
 will truly miss about him is his love to party.  
 When I go to a party, there's no one I'd rather  
 go with. Dave will be missed by all. I wish him  
 luck even though he won't need it. Dave will  
 succeed.

**DYKES-1986 David Moore**  
 — 1992 J Schmidt, B Armstrong



**Davin Donald Ruohomaki**  
 Flat-Head, Truck  
 Army-Mechanical Engineering  
 Whittier, California

Football 1; Track 3; RDC 1; Cadre 1; Rank 2;  
 DMS 1; PTs-lots; Confinement-lots; Cocky 4;  
 Pig 1; Block Runner 4; Summer School 3; FIDO  
 4.

Growing up and becoming a man is virtually  
 the most difficult part of life. With determina-  
 tion, stubbornness and an uncompromising  
 desire to make my parents proud, I accepted the  
 challenge of VMI. Four years is a big sacrifice,  
 but this one was well worth it. I never thought  
 that I would actually make it, but my struggles  
 and persistence have given me an edge on life. I  
 thank God for the wonderful parents that I have  
 been blessed with, the loving sisters that I have,  
 and the many friends that I have come to know,  
 for without them I would never have made it to  
 now. Now it is finally time to shine and let the  
 world see just who I am and what I can do.

BILU... You can never learn or know unless  
 you try and try again...

**DYKES-1986 Hank Selnau**  
 — 1992 W Buckner, J Manly





**Norman A Schmeling**  
Budro, The Black Knight  
Army-English  
Freeport, New York

English Society 2,1; Denizen 2,1; Cadet Staff 2,1; International Relations Club 4,2,1; LaX 4,2,1; Foreign Study 2; Private 4,3,2,1; Tim Simmons groupie.

And oh my brothers it were as if 1 day melted into the next and now I must make the physical transformation of experience into words a task unto itself the fact that these took place at break-neck speed in a pretend yet very real existence complicate things. Now the beleaguered son of VMI burst into the world in all a better man The struggle goes on I'm certain I'm not or was not the man VMI so vainly aspires to manufacture Yet the woes that consumed much of my time were crushed under the strength and loyalty formed between a unique of men I've been fortunate enough to know I take much with me from VMI and feel no remorse for a price was paid measured in trite rules and sporadic injustices we were asked to endure Perhaps I'm a bit too cynical for a man denied admission once yet VMI has forced me to be painfully honest w/ myself which is what I shall do when I leave this time as a grad thrusting me into a group of men who call this home Perceptions change and you thought I'd never make alas I foxed you My family I say thankyou for the support through the oddyssey I love you Doc see you at the canyon Now for something completely different said Dr Mr Bowl- eslong live serpent God of nocturnal sport on the road with 3 card Monty Skamp How you spoze dat happen All hail the Funvan and the Horsemen "You've got to lively up yourself" 1 million years from today.

**DYKES-1986 Dave Reynolds**  
— 1992 D Weisenberger, D Jahanke



**Daniel Eugene Schnock**  
Bufford, Dan the Man  
Army-Biology B.S.  
Woodbridge, Virginia

Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Lt 1; Soccer 4,3 Co-Captain 2,1; Monogram Club 4,3,2,1; Airborne 3; Camp "All American" 2; Mr Ethics 4,3,2,1.

I'm not going to say I could have made it through this place without the help of anyone. In fact I remember many times crying on the shoulder of a BR while in the library. Or calling home telling everyone that I wanted to come home. I owe a lot to Col. Buchanan and the class of 50B. To Coach B. Ross, and the Soccer team; I wish luck and thanks for all they've taught. To the alumni who guided me, I thank you. To my roommates, John and Matt, for all we've done together, I couldn't have done it without you, and you know I'm always there! Bob Miller, thanks! Billy, thanks and comb that hair. To my family, all that I've accomplished is due to you; I Love You!! Robby, you're the best friend I've ever had!!! And Susan "As you wish!!"

PS Nein, I can't speak German!!

PSS Thanks to that special alumni Unk Al!!

**DYKES-1986 Jeff MacClay**  
— 1992 Andv Tate



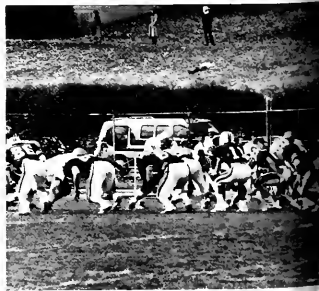
**Charles Albert Schwarz**  
Chuck, Chillout, Charlie  
Army-Economics  
Savannah, Georgia

Water Polo 2,1; TCFC Treasurer; Old Man Club 2,1.

I have never been one to follow the beat path, so when it came time to choose a college I picked VMI.

The ratline taught me there are many times when it is better, and in fact necessary, to be a team player. Sweat parties, RDC meetings, a Rat Training built lifetime friendships and created the class of 1987. I left the Institute at my Third class year, and I thought I would never be able to wear the Ring. Only the love and continuous support of my family gave me the opportunity to finish what I started. I diploma I earn at VMI is at least half theirs. Thank you Mom and Dad. I love you. You have stood beside me every step of the way, and know that has not been easy. I leave the Institute a VMI man convinced that you may whatever you resolve to be.

**DYKES-1984 Ray Hensel**  
— 1992 Mark Witecki







Brent Robert Selnau

ntster, Hamburger Helper  
Army-Economics  
Thaxton, Virginia

aff, Ad Manager 2, Business Manager 1;  
ining 1; Cadet Waiter 3,2; Blockrunner  
VHCA 3,2; Rack Monster 4,3,2,1.



Thomas William Shadle

Shades, Shadillius  
Army-History  
White Hall, Maryland

Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Lt 1; Self made Hell or CPB 4,3,2,1;



Thomas Douglas Shelton

TS, Simple Sid  
Air Force-Economics  
Powhatan, Virginia

Cantebury Club 4,3; Academically Distin-  
guished 4,2; Dean's List 3,2,1; Bomb Photog-  
rapher 3,2,1; Omicron Delta Epsilon; Society of  
Young Economists 2,1; Economics Scholarship;  
Investment Club 2,1 VP; Deaver's Alley Moto  
Club 2.

ook back to 1985 I realize that the time  
ere behind these grey stone walls will  
e forgotten. I hope and pray the best for  
e I came in touch with. THANKS  
h all the BS without such great friends.  
I don't know how I would have made  
VMI man knows the true worth of this  
on — the friends one makes here are  
ore than this institution of higher learn-  
d ever offer. I wish to thank my parents  
thers for all their love! I have nothing  
to say about the past three years here  
an I'm glad it's over! Just when you  
this place really sucks it gets even worse.  
py to have Dan, Matt and Brad as room-  
m so lucky to have met you Ashley —  
ou for all the times we spent together,  
OU! To my dyke I wish you the best of  
ve fun Matt. There is not enough room  
list all the people who have made my  
at VMI worth living. Ox I wish there  
ore people like you around. I'm glad  
ve gotten this far. I hope the rest of the  
pent with someone special. Thank you  
ng up with me. When I leave this place  
I know I will be leaving a lot of close  
— keep in touch.

Hell, there's not enough room to acknowl-  
edge everybody involved in getting me through  
this place. I'll thank all who I came in contact  
with. They helped me one way or another.  
Thanks Mom, Dad, Agnus and Mike; you too,  
Hephsum and Sethpax. What I've come to realize  
and I'm probably not alone, is that VMI is either  
extremely good or bad. No middle. But this is  
all made insignificant by the fact that four years  
here will be blurred in memories or "lost in time  
like tears in rain" — Roy Barry "Blade Runner"  
I'm only writing for the moment so this is all  
dated. Who are you Margie? I've only known  
you for a week but something ominous and  
very good is on the horizon. You've been a help  
in more ways than you think. Who the hell  
knows what will happen with anything? The  
discourse is always sublime. When you see you,  
you're not you. You're the other. See ya.

No crisis  
Just you havin' fun  
You got no crisis  
Gettin' burned by the sun  
This is true  
This is no social crisis  
Just another tricky day for you  
— Pete Townshend

It all began many years ago when my grand-  
father, Col J.T. Walker, started bringing me up  
for football games. With his encouragement I  
decided to come to VMI. Rat year seemed like it  
would never end but now I'm graduating. I  
would like to thank my parents, my grand-  
father, and the rest of my family for their sup-  
port during my time at VMI. I would also like to  
thank Mark and Chris for all they did for me as  
well as the rest of my dykes. I am glad I came to  
VMI; but being sane I am glad is over.

6-1987 Steve Wilson

1992 Matt Dalton, Steve Ho



DYKES-1986 Mike Laban

— 1992 Bob Vaughn



DYKES-1986 Mark Thompson

— 1992 Chris Jones

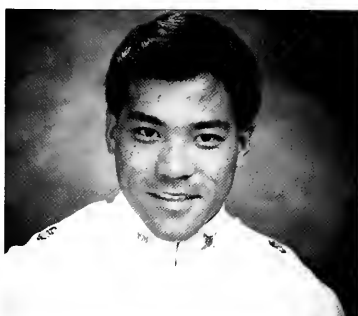




**John Charles Shipley**

**Iggy, Shippy**  
Navy-Mechanical Engineering  
Fayetteville, North Carolina

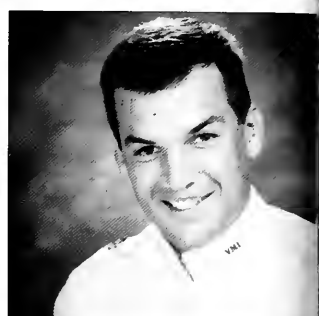
ASME, President of ESC; HMWHC; Col Taylor Fan Club 2,1; Ex Cadet Assistant of Mat lab; RFT Cadre 1;



**Gary Allan Sibayan**

**Sibby, G, Pineapple**  
Air Force-Economics  
Yorktown, Virginia

Baseball 4,3,2, Co Capt 1; Monogram Club 4,3,2 VP 1; Circle K; All Southern Conference 4,3,2,1; VMI Stolen Base and Runs Scored Records; Batting Champ 3.



**Stephen John Simulci**

**Simmy, Animal**  
SS-Civil Engineering  
Woodford, Virginia

Virgin Private; Guidon 1; Rugby 3,2,1; 4,3,2,1; Naval Aviators 4,3,2; Newmar 4,3,2,1; Disciple of the Jammer 3,2,1; 1 Fan Club 2,1; W&L Road Trips 3,2,1.

For the past three years I've read the First Class histories of the prior graduating classes. I can't believe that the time has come so that I can write my own First Class history. Dig it!

Well I can definitely say that this place has been a long journey. I remember coming to VMI as a scrawny little 145 lb. kid. Now I'm a little heavier and I still act like a youngster. This place has taught me to mature but it has also taught me to deal with BS. The one thing I think I'll cherish most from this place is the friendships I've made and the good and bad times I've had with the crazy cats I've hung out with in this hole in the wall.

Here's a toast to you loonies — Francis, Ashley, Pauly, Cheenster, Mezzo, Jake, Rusher, Nord, the 152 crew, Bajoon, Fitz, and Birdie, you guys made it bearable.

... If weren't all crazy, we would all go insane. — Buffet.

Now to thanks, Mom, Gramps and Nia for putting up with my antics for the past 21 years. I love you! Mr. Hatheway I hope that in the future I can be able to like the I as much as you do now.

Slightly burned out but still smokin' unknown.

"Why did you go to VMI?" "Do you like it there?" These are the questions I've heard countless times and to this day I'm still not exactly sure. The VMI experience is not something that can be explained by words alone. It's a place where the days can last so long, yet the weeks go by so fast. As a Rat it seemed like an eternity before I would be a First classman, but the time has finally come. There were several occasions when I just wanted to leave and get back to the real world, but somehow I kept finding myself coming back. I guess I would have to thank all the fellas for that (the Knights, the Horsemen, the Boys of Pervert corner, my dyke Ben, and my roommates Andy and Denis) because I knew if they could make it through this place I could.

But most of all I would like to thank my Mom and Dad. You have given me so much support and encouragement and shown your love so many times in so many ways, that I feel I can never repay you. I only hope that my love and most sincere gratitude will be enough to repay you for all your love and support.

Jenny, the new love in my life, thanks for all your little notes and cards! You don't know how much brighter you can make my day with the little things you do. I love you very much!

I really can't say I'm going to miss this place, but when it's all over I will say I'm glad I stayed.

I always said I wouldn't write a typical Class history, but as I start to write I can't of any other way. This place is too complex to describe four years in 1 page so I guess the can do is thank those who made it be. First, I would like to thank my BRs. From tritulation to Breakout until now I'm thankful for the friendships and times we spent together. Thank you Mom, Dad, Michael for your support and love. All believed in me when others didn't, some myself included. Thanks. I love all of you and Tom... It's been real, it's been fun, hasn't been real fun. Thanks for being to can't think of three more dissimilar peopling together, but it worked and I'm grateful our friendship. Matt, Semper Fi and best to you and Melissa. Tom, good luck and IBM will have to do without you 2 w summer. VMI RFC, Thanks for the game been great. Good luck... And Oh yea ladies, on the line! Finally, thank you. You've made this place so much more fun. Thanks for being there, putting up with the system. I can't imagine being here w you. It's been a great two years, and I can't until... someday... you know. Rober; Oscar Eats Farewell.

**DYKES-1986 J.J. Thompson**  
— 1992 Scott Quattromani

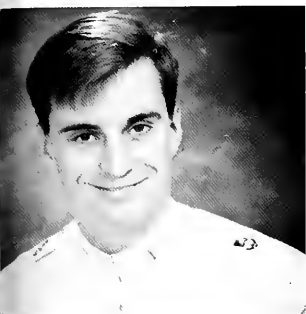


**DYKES-1986 Ben "E" Walker**  
— 1992 Allen Stone



**DYKES-1986 Rich Weede**  
— 1992 Marcus Waehler





**Richard A Skiff**

**Rick, Skid, Ostrich**  
**Avy-Mechanical Engineering**  
**Middlebury, Connecticut**

n Team 4,3,2, Capt 1; Lt 1, Plt Sgt/Ops  
 Pvt 2, Cpl/Pvt 3, Rat 4; Water Polo 2,1;  
 Chemically Undistinguished; ASME 3,2,1;  
 Student 2.



**Fred Winton Smith Jr**

**Brutus, Blockhead**  
**Navy-German/History**  
**Dale City, Virginia**

RDC 2,1; Dive Club 4,1; Timmon's Society  
 3,2,1; Trident Society 4,3,1; Rugby 4; Wrestling  
 4.



**Macon St Clair Snowden III**

**Macon, Snow Man, Yerdal**  
**Navy-Economics**  
**McLean, Virginia**

Rat 4, Cpl 3, Civilian 2,1, Pvt +1,+2; Dean's  
 Other List 4,3,2,1,+1; Rugby 4; ASME 3; Gun  
 and Hiking Club 3; Engineer Punch Out 2;  
 Summer Resident 4,3,2,1,+1,+2; Naval Avalor  
 +1; Dive Club +1, Pres +2.

really over? I must be dreaming. It is hard  
 scribe my feelings over the past four years.  
 Aug 21, 1985, the herb inducing, party goer  
 UCONN was introduced to the VMI way  
 e, and was he pissed. It was a hard time of  
 of pain and punishment, but I had never  
 loser to 350 people before in my life.

my BRs on the Swim team: Steve, Matt,  
 Lowell, we've spent a lot of time together,  
 d out of the pool. Keep the Viking tradition

my fellow MEs: Fitz, Steve, Oggy,  
 khead, TC, this place has been pure ac-  
 hic hell. Let's hope the many sleepless  
 s we've had will pay off.

my roommates: Fitz and Quinn, there is no  
 I can possibly put into words what we've  
 through in the past three years or what  
 friendship has meant to me.

edly, to the folks: Dad, I still don't believe I  
 to talk you into letting me come to VMI. I  
 to naive. Mom, thank you for giving me the  
 and support (and money) that I have so  
 erately needed.

the nightmare is over  
 at a long strange trip it's been. — Greatful

Well, it's finally over! All those toilsome  
 hours in the weightroom. Remember: Live to  
 lift and lift to live. Seriously, I would really like  
 to thank my good friends for making these four  
 years worth it. Blutus and Hungus, good luck in  
 the Marine Corps. As for you Babycakes, hope  
 you make it in the puke world. Eddie and Greg,  
 See you in the fleet.

It seems like yesterday that I walked in here  
 wearing white shoes, white sports jacket and a  
 turquoise tie. What a GQ man! In one day a fine  
 high school graduate was turned into a Rat, the  
 lowest life on Earth. I'll recall that day forever,  
 and all the times I jockeyed for elbow and chair  
 positions in the Mess hall. Hey Eddie, don't  
 forget the raids on Harcarig and Powell. Lu,  
 remember life is intense only if you grasp the  
 moment. Kelly, Good luck! Keep studying hard  
 and you'll see that it pays off you're first class  
 year.

Well, Now I'll be looking at VMI from a  
 different point. No longer will I get sick to my  
 stomach coming back from furlough and seeing  
 Barracks. Mom and Dad, I made it! Thankf for  
 pushing me. You're the greatest parents. And  
 Joyce, You're the greatest thing that entered my  
 life. I love you. Now we'll be together forever.

"Son, there comes a time in every young  
 man's life that he must place the toys of his  
 childhood behind him and become a man; and  
 remember son, that a man's reach must exceed  
 his grasp." Well, I hope that I have become that  
 man in which my father spoke of. I think I have.

My graduation from high school is nothing  
 more than a vague memory now. The same  
 holds true for that hot summer morning of 17  
 Aug 1983 in which I took that giant step from  
 being a young adolescent to take the path less  
 travelled by. That path less travelled by has  
 been a rough road filled with different thoughts  
 and emotions. It was a period of time in which I  
 shared many tears, and more recently, many  
 joys with my family.

What I have done and become could not have  
 been possible without the love, dedication and  
 support of my family. Mom and Dad, there is  
 no other way to put it but to say thank you and I  
 love you.

On a much lighter note, I would like to thank  
 all of my newly adopted BRs of the class of '89.  
 Finally I can join the ranks of my Brother Rats  
 of the Class of 1987 as a graduate of the Virginia  
 Military Institute.

**ES-1986 Tom Kardos**  
**- 1992 Otis Langford**



**DYKES-1986 Dale Powell**  
**— 1992 Kelly Kasper**



**DYKES-1984 Taylor Smallwood**





**Mathew Edward Sossi**

Soss, Guido, Bozo  
Army Reserves-Economics  
New Windsor, New York

Private 4,3,2,1; Concessions 3 years; Pre Law Society.

It seems weird I have trouble expressing my thoughts of my four year stay at the "I". I've seen and done so many things that it all is still a blur. I think the most important thing I've done here is find out just what makes me me. I have to thank my parents, Mark, Luke, Beth for all the support. I know how typical a college epitaph. BRs were tops, especially Tiger Brenster, Alfonso, George and Crawford. To the remainder of E Co privates the world is yours as long as you're not on confinement. Final things to say: Don't worry, be happy. Hey Dudes, chill, you're stressing! Look at the things you want then reach up and take them ... all that is holding you back is you.



**Richard Lynn Sparks**

Sparky, Town Drunk, Brutus  
Air Force-Electrical Engineering  
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Baseball 4,3,2,1; No Rank Please 4,3,2,1; The Boys 3,2,1; The Horsemen 3,2,1; Oval Office 2,1;

This great journey began some 23 years ago and there is no one else but my parents to thank for that. Thanks Mom and Dad for all you have done. I love you both.

It is so ironic that I am writing my class history on the same day that I recieved a 15 and 10 from the good Captain. Conduct Pro, here I come! If this is "bringing out the man" I'd rather stay a kid.

Now to the boys, here's to the good times and silly laughs. Chessie Trail Rat Parties, "Let's do cigars tonight!", Zolloman's Kegs, "Let's get 3's", "Bachus lives!", V.B. Jail, "It was your fault slob", Ring Figure, "The Den, how sick!" Club 212. "Nice tattoo".

Finally, Tilty and Ucker, you guys were the best. Sneya, you'll make a fine general and Michelob Plato, you'll make a fine bum.

Later,  
Rich



**Robert Arthur Spielden**

Bob, Spiels  
Air Force-History  
Sandwich, Massachusetts

Private 4,3,2,1; "Cadet" Staff 2,1; Bomb Squad Number One Club 4; Summer School Dean's Other List 4,3,2; Special Student 4

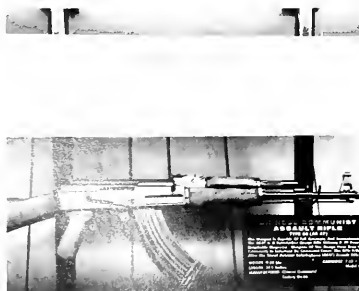
You would think that after four years would know how I feel about this place. Well, I don't. On one hand I hate being here, I also had a lot of fun. I'm glad I came here. I'm also glad it's over.

There is no way I could have made it without the constant support of my friends. Thank you for listening to my complaints, supporting my decisions (no matter how foolish they were).

The reason why I have had some fun at is my roomates Dan, Mark and Zeke. We not have had the best grades, but we had fun. Maybe someday you all may make much as me, but I doubt it. If you guys ever like losing in racketball come see me any.

Caroline, you gave me a reason to stay. VMI, and I'm glad I did. Asking you to stay was the best thing I have ever done in my life. No matter what happens you will always have a place in my heart.

**DYKES-1986**  
— 1992 Knights



**DYKES-1986 Carl Sjölund**  
— 1992 Gary Bilyeu



**DYKES-1986 Roman Malavet**  
— 1992 Brian McCarthy





Thomas Nelson C Spivey

Buzzard, Bird  
Navy (SS)-History  
Richmond, Virginia

Lacrosse 4,3,2,1; Clown Corner 3,2;  
Boys 1; Virgin Private; Dean's Other List 2;  
Survivor Room 494; Hollins Crew.



Bruce Scott Stables

Tippy  
Army-Biology  
Prince George, Virginia

Baseball 4; Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Lt 1; Dean's List 2; Bio  
Boys 4,3,2,1; Illegal Car Club 3,2; Captiva Kamikaze 2.



Steven Ward Stafford

Staff  
Army-Civil Engineering  
Pearisburg, Virginia

Rat 4, Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Pvt 1; OGA 1; Academically  
Extinguished 4,3,2,1; ASCE 2,1; '06 Homeboys  
4,3,2,1; Illegal Transportation Society 3,2;  
Guideon 1; Summer Scholar 4,3,2; Barracks  
Bartender 4,3,2.

here it is: myt space! After much thought and  
discarded essays, I opted to freelance this  
tion. I would first like to thank Buddha and  
dessa for all the love and support they have  
en me. I would also like to thank my broth-  
er Jake and Tim for forging the way and for  
putting me up when I really needed it. Duff and  
at, where would the bird be without ya'll.  
ch Bartlett, you really know how to make  
itive reinforcement hurt like hell. Thanks a  
and I'll see you next year. Chris Ashworth,  
ere were you my third class year? Thank you  
all your help. To my dykes, good luck to you  
the years, very long years, to come. For all  
se dudes and dudettes that love Lacrosse,  
Bud's for you! Where do those Lacrosse  
s that miss the goals go to anyway? If I had  
regrets, I probably would not list them  
e. But I will say this: Milton was wrong! Hell  
no place to live. How do I know this? I've  
n there. Look out real world, I think the  
buzzard has flown the coop!

I am finally beginning to see the light at the  
end of the tunnel. I can't believe it has finally  
come to an end. They say there are many things  
to learn at VMI. One thing is sure, you can't  
make it without friends. Thanks guys! VMI has  
also taught me to laugh at little things and cope  
with life's major shortcomings. I now know that  
my decision to attend VMI was the right one.

First of all, there is a long line of people that I  
wish to thank. My family is terrific (Granny,  
Eddie, Diane), thank you for all your support  
3rd class year. Mom and Dad, what can I say.  
There could be no better parents in the world,  
except when you took away the calling card —  
2 times. You have given me so much encour-  
agement, demonstrated so much patience, and  
shown your love so many times and in so many  
ways that I'll never be able to repay you. I never  
could have made it without you, and I can only  
hope that I have made you proud and continue  
to do so for the rest of my life. John, Jay and  
Tag, you certainly made life more bearable in  
an environment such as this. I couldn't have  
asked for better roommates. There is one last  
person I would like to thank: Lisa. You gave me  
so much hope and inspiration "Rat Year".  
Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I never  
would have made it without you. "Goodbye  
VMI"

For the past 4 years I've been busy trying to  
make it through here and have put my family  
last — now it's time for them. Mom and Dad,  
you're the best. All of those times you tried to  
teach me something and thought I was too  
stobborn or too busy to listen, I wasn't. You've  
both shown me a lot, I can never repay you. I  
can only hope I do as well.

As for my roomates — Good luck guys.  
We've had a lot of good times together. One  
day we'll have to hook up after we can afford it  
for a change. The one thing that will last longer  
than anything I've gained from VMI is the  
friendships.

From the first day here we were all asked  
why we chose VMI. After four years I think I've  
found my answer. There were two reasons: I  
was told I couldn't make it and I wanted to be  
different. Well I made it and at the same time it  
made me different. Looking back on it all, it was  
worth it.

"No I cannot forget where it is that I came  
from

I cannot forget the people who love me  
Yeah I can be myself here in this small town  
And people let me be just what I want to be"  
-John Cougar Mellencamp

YKES-1986 Chris Ashworth  
— 1992 David Moody



YKES-1986 Anthony Colletti  
— 1992 Gregg Lee



YKES-1986 John Rapacki  
— 1992 Robert Whitlock





**Mathew Geatty St. Clair**

**Toaster Head, Sharky  
Marine Corps-History  
Jarrettsville, Maryland**

Semper Fi Society; Rat Training; International Relations Club; First Corporal; Regimental Color Corporal; Regimental Sgt Major; Regimental Commander.

It seems that only yesterday a lifelong goal was only a dream but now that dream is a reality. The long road to a commission in the Marine Corps is now over and in only seven months I'll be an officer of Marines. As I now venture out to a new road I will be sure to carry within me the friendships, frustrations and good times of being a cadet everywhere I go for they made the reality of my dream possible. I thought being First Captain would help me figure this place out but instead it confused me more. Ned, I now understand what you put up with for four years. Steve and Tom, you definitely made this stay a blast. The best part about my cadetship was the friendship we developed. Thanks for all your support and interest Mom and Dad. We have had a lot of great times and many more will come. Our wait is now over Melissa, thanks for everything, you gave me the strength and confidence to press forward. Sgt Lane thanks for your advice. To those who experienced the fun of OCS take care and kick some ass out in the Fleet. Hey Piedmont, keep "catching them". I am proud of the uniform I have worn for four years but now it is time to say goodbye to VMI and move on. SEMPER FI

Hey Randy and Bob. Give me a lat spread. "Stand by the right even to the sacrifice of life itself, and learn that death is preferable to dishonor."

**DYKES-1986 Rob Larossa**  
— 1992 Jethro "Ed" Brooks



**Allen Russel Stoneman**

**Stony, AR, Hiawatha  
Army-History  
Richmond, Virginia**

Pre Law Society; Circle K; Young Republicans; The Richmond Road Trip Society; The JMU Party Committee; The Number One Club.

When I began thinking of coming to VMI, a few people told me that I couldn't do it. They said I was too laid back, too self assured. They said that I could not play by rules that weren't my own. I listened to what these people had to say, thought carefully, then set out to prove them all wrong. I must say that it has not been easy, but I have certainly gotten my money's worth. I have found here some of the greatest friends I will ever have. I have also found that there is a purgatory here on Earth and it is located in Lexington, Virginia. Really, though, it certainly has not been all bad. There have been many good times that I will always remember. It just seems that they never came often enough. Without the support and love from my family I could never have made it this far. I love you all very much. Wilmer, you have done more for me than I can ever repay and I will always be grateful. I was also fortunate enough to have the best dykes any rat ever had. Steve, Robert, Fred and John, thanks for everything. Major Koons, Mr. Patterson and Mrs. Griff, thanks for all the support and guidance that I certainly needed and you all freely gave. Finally to my dykes, Superstar and Jethro, keep working hard and you will do fine. Good luck.

**DYKES-1986 Steve Hall**  
— 1992 H. Dean, B. Graham



**Kevin Patrick Sullivan**

**Burger Chef, Grim, Sully  
Army-History  
Midlothian, Virginia**

It has been a long time coming and it is finally here. It was just a few years ago that I was introduced into the system. Now it is time to take what I have learned and apply it to the real world. I would like to give thanks to my supportive family, friends and relatives. If it were not for my parents I would not have made it through this place. It is time for me to say goodbye to this place, and I say it with a smile. Thanks Mom and Dad, and thank you VMI. Dear dykes, do well in the years to come, and Dave, never give up.

**DYKES-1986 Bill Rogers**  
— 1992 D Neccessary, D Gaskell





Michael Patrick Sullivan

Sully, McFly, Toto  
Air Force-Economics  
Melbourne, Florida

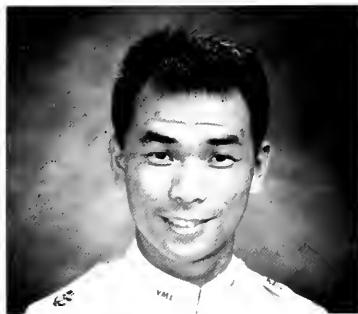
and Alcohol Committee; Boxing; Rugby;  
Club; Arnold Air Society; OCF; Hop and  
Panther Falls; Mary Sullivan.



Keith E Sykes

Slep Rock, Archie  
Navy-Economics  
Capron, Virginia

Football 4,3,2,1; Track 4,3,2,1; Circle K 1;  
Promaji Club 4,3,2, Vice Pres 1; Private 4,3,2,1;  
A Black Knight of the Roundtable.



Yuh-Loong Tarn

Tang, Trang, You Boned  
Army-Mechanical Engineering

Cpl 3, 1st Sgt 2, Captain 1; President Inter-  
national Club; ASME; Engineering Society of  
VMI; Who's Who Among American College  
Students.

DK... Biking to the bush... Hoble...  
... Dukes... Where's your sense of  
ature, Scott... Rubber Qwackin... 611  
78... 5609... 4224... I love you Mary  
st Annual... Papa Thornton... My one  
only... Don't worry, be happy...  
n and Jane were busted... May 21, 1989  
y happiest day... Richard Stanley  
an Jr... 7 lbs 3 oz of beer on the wall  
scar Myer... Mom and Dad you're  
thing to me... You'll hear from me  
... North Easterlies... Have you talked  
ris?... Lola (Laura)... Yeager and  
te or Carver and Carvet... My dream is  
ke a real contribution... Friends are for  
... A man's greatest success... Tommy  
ullivano... Honorary Banigan...  
ia... Panzy... Rick, Julie and Baby...  
rger... Road Trip... ScareCrow...  
uoysim annog... Hot Irish Honey...  
lay my ship is going to come in...  
know do ya?... Thanks Alta Sandi,  
nd Capt Willy... You're a good dude  
other Duke... Tarzan... Boola Boola  
lbwe ugh.  
pe to see you all on the other side.

Well, the time has come and I can finally see the  
light coming through that dark tunnel. I would like  
to thank the Lord for giving me the strength to  
endure the hard times as well as the good. Most of  
all I would like to thank my dear mother, for  
without her none of this would be possible. You  
are the type of mom that every kid deserves. Ever-  
ything hasn't been peaches and cream at the In-  
stitute, but my roommates, the Knights, made it  
bearable. Mic or Mac, I know success lies in your  
corner, just don't let your feet get in the way. I wish  
you and Amy all the happiness in the world. Bullet  
(Tracy), thanks for keeping us laughing when  
times were sad. Give my sister, Tory, all your love,  
she deserves it. Hey Brian, I know it h-u-r-t-s so  
bad but you can always count on your boys. If not,  
you can always go to the chaplain for a day. Brian  
... take a shower. Last but not least, J.C. we have  
done it all together. Hitchhike to the Corps game,  
Rat year. Thanks Mr. and Mrs. Gregory for being  
my family away from home.

Dawn, what can I say? You have been through it  
all with me. You have been more than a girlfriend.  
Thanks for the letters and phone calls. They al-  
ways say good things come to those who wait. You  
have given me a lot of smiles and happiness, in  
return I give you all my love, Tweety.

Horsemen, Hurley and BRs, good luck. Keep in  
touch dykes. Bye! Bye!

I like to thank the following ladies and gen-  
tlemen for helping me get through 4-year VMI  
life: My dearest Mom and Dad, my beloved  
fiancee, my American Mom and Dad — Mr.  
and Mrs. Spieldenner, Mr. and Mrs. Giltz, Mr.  
and Mrs. Hoar, Mr. and Mrs. Mead, Lt. Craig  
Covert '87, my dyke Lt. Heskett '86, Lt. TK Liu  
'86, Capt. Willcockson, Col Taylor of M.E.  
Dept, Col. Trandel, LtC. Morgan, Dr. Mary  
Balazs, Col. Snyder, Maj. Koons.  
And those Brother Rats who attributed to my  
success at this wonderful Institute.

S-1986 Jim Harkarick  
1992 Olson, T Rodriguez

DYKES-1985 Henry Sanchez  
— 1992 L Alexander, S Neely

DYKES-1986 Troy Heskett  
— 1992 Jason Troxell







**Alwyn Bernard Taylor**

**African Rat, T, AL**  
**Air Force-Electrical Engineering**  
**Freetown, Sierra-Leone**

Corporal 3, Sergeant 2; Promaji 4,3,2,1; Arnold Air 3,2; IEEE 3,2; Engineering Society of VMI 2; Dean's List 4,3,2.

How did it feel to come to VMI from Africa and after a year at a normal school? Well, I was a stranger, but not in paradise! I felt like a fish out of water. What was I doing here? Why? I was looking for a challenge and I got one. We tend to limit ourselves to what we think we can do. Here I learned that you really don't know what you can do until you try and if you try hard enough you may do much more than you thought. The first few months were difficult and I wondered, was it worth it? Would it ever be worth it later? Slowly I made friends and started to appreciate VMI. Break-out came and went, 3rd class year, stars and stripes, Kaz and Mike, Promaji... Suddenly 2nd class year and Ring Figure were over. My mid-summer night dream ended in a rude awakening. It was all over just when the fun began. It was time for me to move on. However the memories, friends, and experiences I will cherish all my life.

To the Electrical Engineering faculty I say thank you for the education and long nights in NEB To the class of '92 make the best of VMI.

To Promaji, my BRs in '89 and all the other cadets whose paths crossed mine, good luck and thanks.

To Kaz and Tina, thanks for long conversations. To my parents and family, thanks for making VMI possible. Thank you Lord for your guidance. It's been real.

**DYKES-1986 Mark Ellington**



**Thomas Patton Taylor**

**Lush, DAK**  
**Special Student-History**  
**Bedford, Virginia**

Virgin Private; Circle K 4,3,1; Illegal Car Club 4,3,2,1; The DAKs for Life; Dean's Other List 4,3,2,1; English Society 1;

I don't know why I came to VMI. Was it the idea of playing soldier? Was it the admiration for Col. Glenn Taylor '32, whom I've never known well but liked the image he portrays? It doesn't matter now. Things have changed. I have never hated a place so much! I have never loved a place so much! I can hardly wait to leave this place, with a diploma of course. But one year maybe I'll return, maybe to a football game with a couple of bottles of Jim Beam and have a drink with the DAKs. The friends that are made here is the only positive thing. Stephen, Bob, Rick, Ogre, and AJ thanks for the good times. John "the Rose" Gillespie and John "Thanks for pushing me!" Cartwright we had some good laughs, Huh!

Most importantly I would like to thank you Mom for all of your support and all the cards in the last hours of this ordeal!

Dad, I hope I have made you proud!

It was the worst of times,  
 it was the best of times  
 -Charles Dickens

**DYKES-1985 Larry Thomas**  
**— 1991 B Davis, K Torkelson**



**Mathew A Tederick**

**Army-Economics/ML**  
**Front Royal, Virginia**

Honor Court Prosecutor 1; Vice President  
 lege Republicans 1; Wrestler 2 yrs; The  
 Taps Club 2; Duffy/Tederick Club 1.

Well Mom and Dad my four years at VMI come to a close. As you both know, we have our share of ups and downs. When things, down, you told me to put it aside and get it done. With your caring, loving and constant port I did just that. Words can never express thankful I am to have two wonderful parents love you both.

Now to my brothers — I can't leave you. You know as well as I that we have a special that can never be broken. Mitch, you're the one thus I used you as my role model. I couldn't had a better one. I have and always will look you with a great respect. Mark, I have always able to talk to you and you were always, whenever I needed you — thank you! No Manuel, the youngest, I have always looked at you and wanted the best for you. At times harsh but I did it from the heart. To the you, thank you — I love you! Remember family — with their support there is nothing can't be done.

Troy, my dearest of friends, we have through four years together as roommates. I you were always there in times of trouble — you. You're my fourth brother, remember Allan and Bill, we had great times. For this your super friendship I thank you. WEM I member our thoughts before Matriculation? put them behind because together we made will never forget your support/advice.

**DYKES-1986 Mike Northrop**  
**— 1992 J Clark, D Massie**





Steven Thompson

Army-History  
Hamilton, New Jersey

Cadre 2; S-2 Sgt/Ops Sgt 2; Tutor 3,2;  
Simon's Society 2,1; Pre Law Society 2; De-  
Council 4,3; International Relations Club



Mathew Todd Tilley

Tilty, Wilty, Plato  
Air Force-English  
Chesapeake, Virginia

Varsity Baseball 4; Pre Law Society 1; English  
Society 1; Ted Simmon's Room Society 3.



Jack Roger Toepfer

Smilie, Jungle Jark  
Army-Civil Engineering  
Schenectady, New York

Corporal 3; X-Country 4,3,2,1; Indoor Track  
4,1; Outdoor Track 4,1; ASCE; AUSA  
(Treasurer); International Relations Club; Cadet  
Program Board 3,2,1; Airborne School.

four years I have spent at VMI have gone  
quickly. It's hard to believe it's all over  
but at the same time I'm glad that it is. For  
get to put to use the skills and experiences  
have gained from VMI.

say that I have gone through VMI alone  
leave out the two most important people  
my life, my parents. For it is their constant  
encouragement and advice that has seen me  
through the last four years. Without them  
I am certainly would not have been the same.  
I have often wondered if I made the right  
choice by attending VMI and now as I look  
back I know I would do it all over again. The  
experience is unique and it's something I  
am proud to have with me the rest of my life.

The new life came when that first shear burned  
my scalp . . . I knew I didn't know what I was  
doing — who's this guy in the barber's chair? Rob,  
your power overtook me — "Oh come on Todd,  
we can get them in". Cummings and D. White  
knew, Ha! — Looking back to those times we used  
to sneak back to Chessie and sink a few under the  
bridge — memories of the boys when we were just  
starting out — crazy directions and here I am  
returning from a Sabbatical we opened up those  
nights in club 312, 212 and 112, to my roomies  
your abstinence from pounding my lunacy brings  
forth the calling of cheer. I need a memory from  
the spring of lust — club 212 — photographers,  
action! — "What should I do next?" To Buddy —  
Smelly — under the skin doth dirty dog lie, I'll  
remember the thought and the laughter. To Rich —  
I remember fires, I remember streams and I  
remember East-Lex, to many more, my friend. To  
Ned, wear your glasses and parade your stoic fur  
— hold fast to your morals, sinner. Oh the filth all  
those chickies did to purity. — To other thanks  
Mom and Dad, Troy, Tif, Trish — our family love  
has given me the strength to bear — for your  
support, I owe it all. Doc, you words are music and  
I thank you for showing me a mirror or two,  
pointing to it, and saying — "That's you" — You  
are truly an inspiration. Finally to the gnats of the  
"T", may you never block my vision again. SIGN  
ME OUT!

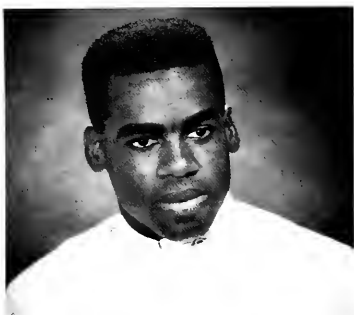
I have had good times and bad times here at  
VMI. It has been a lot of work to do well here,  
but it was well worth the effort. After all, I said  
in my class officer speech after the Ratline that I  
was a hard worker . . . three times. All the work  
in the world will do no good without a strong  
sense of personal honor and I give credit to the  
VMI Honor system for helping me get my act  
together. I will always consider Honor to be the  
most important influence in whatever decisions  
I make in the future. Although my parents were  
not living during my cadetship, they were with  
me in spirit. Take some time to thank your  
parents and tell them how much you love them  
as I loved my mother and father. Thanks to my  
two brothers Tim and Chris for putting up with  
me for these four years. Good luck Rich, the  
next three years will go by before you know it.  
Best of luck Greg, my Rat roommate, thanks for  
helping me laugh at myself. To all my Brother  
Rats, Good luck and remember you can get 500  
on the PFT if you try.

ES-1986 Kevin Sharp  
1992 Rodney Gudtz



DYKES-1986 Henry Tabur  
— 1992 Rich Facone





**Tracy Scott Toye**

**The Toy, Unibrow, Tonkatoye  
Air Force-Economics  
Staunton, Virginia**

Football 4,3,2,1; Track 4; Promaji 4,3,2,1; All  
Cocke Hall 4,3,2,1.



**William Van Vleck Trumpore**

**Van, Trump, Trumpmore  
Army-Chemistry (Pre-Med)  
Littletown, Colorado**

Cadet Athletic Trainer 4,3,2,1; Corporal 3; Cad-  
re Sergeant 2; Private 1; Rat 4; Foxrotter; Lone  
Survivor: 153 Dykes, 472 Rats; '69 Crew 3,2,1.



**Andrew John Tunnar**

**Buttercup, Opus, Tunn  
Navy-History  
Fair Lawn, New Jersey**

Dean's List; Voting Member of Sesquicent  
Committee 2; Vice President Circle K 1;  
President International Relations Club 1;  
ident OGA 1; Ring Figure Committee 2.

VMI has been our domain during these past four years. We have defeated the ratline. We have sucked it up as Thirds. Now we are on the last leg of our journey. The distance to the end of our voyage has greatly diminished but our drive towards it has not relinquished. We have not abandoned the ultimate goal of a cadet.

The life of a football player has really been an experience. We have sacrificed Wednesday GP and returned early from weekends to prevent facing the wrath of the coaches. Yes, the Institute has fulfilled its purpose. It has taught us the hows and how not. It has clothed us, fed us, sheltered us and cleansed us. We shall leave the Institute, but for what the palace on the hill has meant to us the Institute will never leave us.

To the Knights of the Roundtable:

Mac — Roses R red, violets R blue. A football field is 100 yds. And your feet R 2.

J.C. — Some things U 4get B cause U hate so I am pretty sure U will 4get your Ring Figure blind date.

Keith — I have known you for four years but I have yet to understand why sandpaper is softer than your hands.

Brian — Since U have 1 more round let me give U some advice. Take a shower once a day, take it twice.

Thank you God, Mom, family and friends.

Tory — You are my heart that I will never change. I love you Baby. Life without you is not life.

**DYKES-1986 Stu Heisman  
— 1992 Craig! Alex! Tony!**



15 August '85 — That date seems to be a lifetime away from 20 May '89, but it is just like yesterday to me. It will be difficult to leave the "I", just for the simple reason it has grown on me, like a bad cold. Even though, like a cold, I will be quite happy to be rid of the place. The only thing that I will keep are the memories and, and lots of them. The most pleasant memories are those of the people who helped me thru:

Mom, Dad, Sis, well I finally did it!!! As you well know it sure wasn't easy, but I survived. We all stuck together, and with you behind me I conquered this place. I love you all!!!

Marg and Bill — what can I say but thank you for giving me asylum from this impossible place.

Mom and Dad K — if they gave medals for true blue friends, you have earned it! Thanks for all you have done and given. I love you!!!

Maryanne, without you I would never have made it nor would this place have meaning. You gave me a shoulder to cry on, a helping hand when needed, and support always. I truly owe all this to you, and I love you, more than we will ever know.

**DYKES-1986 M Chapman, D Brackett  
— 1992 John Beake**



Outwitted  
He drew a circle that shut me out/ H/ rebel, a thing to flout./ But love and I ha/ wit to win:/ We drew a circle that took h/

Education? A pre-determined amount o/ dated facts and theories concentrated to/ over four years to symbolize a diploma? N/ really.

I ponder over my experiences at VM/ truly realize where and why I can now co/ myself at least somewhat educated. It is/ HI 101 or FR 305, but rather in the ur/ circumstances that we, as cadets, choos/ ourselves, and the never ending challeng/ are expected to overcome. For it is in/ perpetual tests (good and bad) that forc/ lean on to one another which forms friend/ For me, friends, dear and true, is what VM/ about.

Brother Rats, fellow cadets, alumni an/ ulty — you know who you are — Thank/

Mom and Dad, thank you for all you've/ I'll love you more than you'll ever know.

Peter and Mathew. I hope I've been a/ older brother and I hope I've smoothed th/ for you guys a little bit. I love you.

Oh! Why the poem? Because it's my fav/

**DYKES-1986 Smardie D. Podo  
— 1992 W Brownson, R Ford**





Gary Michael Vaughn

V-Man  
Army-Electrical Engineering  
Newport News, Virginia

4,3,2,1; Football 4,3,2; 400 Club



Alfredo Matias Versoza

Al, Big Al, Alvin  
Army-Economics  
Queens, New York

Pvt 4, Cpl 3, 1st Sgt 2, CO 1; Ranger Plt 4,3; TV  
Elite 3,2,1; Newman Club 4,3,2,1; AUSA 3,2,1;  
Sgt Lanes Afternoon Fun Time 2; International  
Club 2,1; Rack Lab 3,2,1; Lost 4,3,2,1.



Seaborn Jones Whatley III

Sea, Seab, Seabornski  
Air Force-Electrical Engineering  
Rome, Georgia

Posit Committee 86-89; Karate Club 88; Arnold  
Air Society 85-88 Treasurer, Operations Officer.

a few words I would like to thank even  
who helped me through the past four  
years at the "I". Will, Rob and Lloyd, you made  
this place about as enjoyable as it can get  
(specially Lloyd's illegal car uptown). Good  
luck in the DMZ, Ok. Keep your head low.  
I'm sure you will do great at law school  
(you don't forget to study). And Rob "King of  
Chairs" White, good luck to whatever you'll  
be doing. Thanks Mom and Dad for the support  
money. I'm glad ya'll made that final call to  
me into this place, even though I wasn't too  
about it my first year. It was hard but  
worth it.  
Good luck Rich.

As I look back at the years, I find myself  
asking the same question. "Was it worth all the  
trouble?" Now that I'm almost at the end of this  
road, my answer is yes. But, I know that there  
will be many other roads to choose with similar  
or worse obstacles ahead. I'm glad that this part  
of my journey is over. Now I can say that I have  
met the challenge.

As I walk ahead to the future, I will bring  
with me the VMI legacy. VMI has taught me a  
lot about life. And I am proud that VMI has  
shown me the way.

I'd like to thank all my relatives who were  
behind me every step of the way. Especially my  
parents, brothers and sister. Thank you for giv-  
ing me that extra added push. "Mahal kitang  
lahat." To all my friends, old and new, thanks  
for helping me see it through. Finally to my  
Brother Rats, especially the "Bakka-Boys" of  
149, good luck in the years to come. I look  
forward to seeing you guys again. It's been real  
guys!

I'm told this place makes men; it seems to me  
however that the men who are here or were at  
one time make the "I" what it is. So that wheth-  
er you get something out of your time here or  
not, you can only blame yourself.

Enough Philosophy; one thing that makes  
this place enjoyable is your BRs. You may fight,  
bicker and bust, but there is no group that I'm  
closer to. Special kudos go to my zany roommate  
who may be different and like comics but has  
been a great roomie. Thanks also go to my  
chum Steve who taught me much and put me in  
a position to learn more. Sorry about your lug-  
gage! And to all the rest of the guys, Thanks,  
you're the best.

To my parent my special thank for all the  
support and love. I didn't turn out too bad, even  
if I still can't spell.

In closing let me quote Bugs Bunny, "Don't  
say it hasn't been fun because it hasn't." Even  
so I think I'm better for it.

KES-1986 Dan Monahan  
— 1992 Rich Horn



DYKES-1986 Ben Ping Chen  
— 1992 M Burgess, J Galon



DYKES-1986 Mark Hicks  
— 1992 Robert Haberle





**Mark Andrew Whisenant**

**Nutz, Whiz  
Navy-History  
Manassas, Virginia**

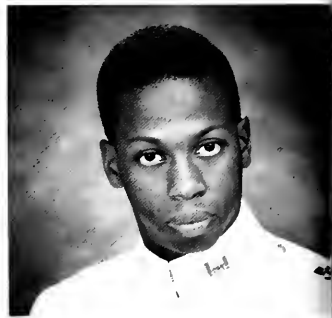
Pvt 4,3,2,1; Dean's Other List 4,3,2; Illegal Car Club 3; Football 4; Pre Law Society 2; International Relations Club 1; Trident Society 1;



**Robert Lee White**

**Rob, Wild Man, Whitey  
Army-History  
Springfield, Virginia**

Pvt 4,3,2,1; Aced Pro 4; Cond Pro 4.



**Robert Lewis White**

**Bebop, Crusty, Rob-Ski  
Army-Civil Engineering  
Virginia Beach, Virginia**

Promaji Club 4,3,2,1; Black Knight 3,2,1.

What! Graduation? But this is only my 4th year. Well, who am I to argue with Smith Hall? After three years of "good deals", "new deals", and "no deals" this is the best deal I ever got out of VMI. What does a VMI education represent? Well, obviously not a commission. How about a job? Something in the 25-30 range would look awfully nice at this point. But if there is one thing that VMI has taught me, it is to take nothing for granted. Nothing comes free. And even that which does has a price. Besides, if logic like that is worth 6000 dollars a year, well then I guess I got what I deserved. Sorry Blacksburg.

On a less cynical note, I must admit I do not regret my stay here at VMI. I am proud of the school, the people and the tradition. Getting through here was not easy, never the less I would do it again if I had to. The friends I have made, both cadets and professors, will have a lasting impact on my life. However I am indebted most of all to my family, who never gave up on me even when I had given up on myself. Thank you Mom, Dad and Renee. I LOVE YOU ALL!

They say VMI is the path less travelled. I say you had to beat your own path to get to this place. Looking back on my VMI experiences I see the good, bad and the ugly. I see roadtrips, girls, frat, football games and friends. I also see confinement, PTs, BRC and probation. As for the ugly I see my roommates. These past four years have flown by and I ask myself, was it worth it? Who knows? My first paycheck ought to answer that question. Anyway, I'll take it all with me and sort it out when I leave this place, and who knows, it might even make sense to me someday. Nahh!

Thanks to all who helped me through this place, you all know who you are. Special thanks to my parents who encouraged me to stay here. To my dyke Mark, good luck, you're going to need it. To my roommates, good luck, take care and stay out of jail.

And at my feet eternity  
lays ever sweeter plans for me  
I know why  
Helpless on a ship of fools  
Turn this boat around, back to my loving ground  
Ship of fools  
-Robert Plant

I still remember the first time I laid eyes on V. By then it was too late to turn back. I have had the question "Why did you come to my school more times than I can count, and the answer eludes me. I don't think I will ever know, the thing I do know is I didn't make it on my own.

First I would like to thank God, for nothing the planet could have seen me through these possible times. Next I must send a special thanx, my Grandparents. Without your love and strength you left me, I could not have come this far. Tiffany, I appreciate all the cookies that you made it to me. Mr. and Mrs. Gibbings (Mom), I appreciate all the tailgates that we did. I want to thank all the people who believed in me and gave me their support, the list is endless. All of my Brother Rats mean a lot to me, but eight get exclusive remark: A.Q., Mr. P-Nell, New York Rat-liff, Run D, Ru-Ru, Shlep-Rock, and T. You made this place survivable. We had some good times. We made it.

"In the end it was our attitude, not our altitude that brought us to the altitude."

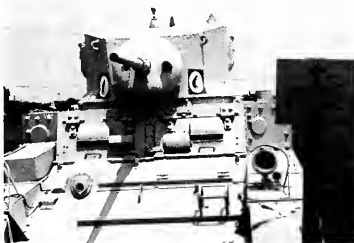
To my dyke, thanks-To my dyke, good luck and go!

Mom, you are in the bottom of this passage you are in the bottom of my heart. You are my hold deepest and dearest. You are my pillar. Thank you for all the sacrifices. I love you!

**DYKES-1987 Dan Butler  
— 1992 Jeff Vent**



**DYKES-1986 Mike Chipley  
— 1992 Mark Bausch**



**DYKES-1985 Darryl Horne  
— 1992 Sam Butler**





**Randall Norman Willard**

**Bunky**  
Special Student-Chemistry  
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Social Committee Co-Chairman 3,2,1;  
Football 4; Rugby 2; Hop and Floor 3,2,1;  
College Republicans 1; Horsemen 3,2,1; ACS  
2,1.



**Thomas James Williams**

**TJ, Spot Head**  
Navy-Mechanical Engineering  
Glade Spring, Virginia

Corporal 3, Private 4,2,1; Band, Tuba 4,3,2,1;  
Fencing Team 3,2 Capt 1; 2nd Team All State 3;  
OGA Band Co 1; ASME 4,3,2,1; Drug and Al-  
cohol Awareness Counseling 2,1; Rat Stoop  
Talk 2; Summer School 4,3,2,1.



**David Scott Williamson**

**Dave**  
Army (SS)-Biology  
Annapolis, Maryland

Football 4,3,2; Track 1; Dean's List; Sergeant 2;  
Lieutenant 1; AFROTC Summer Camp Drop  
Out 3-2; Biology Study Break 4,3,2,1.

It seems like yesterday we were sitting in high school Physics; those were the days! We both owe a lot to our parents for always being there. I can't believe these four years have been fun, but I just look at the beer left to be drunk, Lord! I wouldn't be here today without you, you're like a brother to me. Always will be. Who knows where our paths take us, but there will always be a cool one. A little bit older, a little more confused" looking at me on my four years I think I can say I really don't enjoy it. My accomplishments speak for themselves, my three legged stool is flat on the ground. The one thing I have, I think everyone can agree about this place is the friendships I've made. All the fellas (Horsemen) I must thank you for a long time. I would especially like to thank Rock, Fat Brothers, Ha, Ha, Deja Vu, it's amazing we both fit thru here. Nice Ass, thanks for the rides and the ball games, easy Hersmell. My thanks to Pete-See Catalano, Tom, the only person I know who complains more than me, all my thanks from home who weren't as fortunate or not old enough to accompany me here and weren't excited about me coming, but were nonetheless never supportive, TR, Dot, Fran, Ted, Dank. Finally my family: Brent, Nicole and Mom and Dad. Thanks for your support. I knew in your living way you would make me stay. I know been a pain, but thanks for putting up with me. Love you — well I'm outta here — Shaka Bra.

I wish I was leaving this Institution with the rest of my BRs in the class of '89, but things just didn't work out that way. It is no biggie! I will miss you next year and in the years to come. Mike, Derek, you two are a couple of great guys. It has been a great 4 years living with you. You have helped me, made things always interesting and never boring. I could not have asked for better guys to room with. Steakhead, Nezas, Butler, the noisy bunch, stay loose and carefree. For the guys in '07 for all these years, Thanks. You always were able to supply me with a roommate for those hot summers spent here in Lexington. You're a great bunch, those killer racquetball games and after supper conversations. I wish you all the best. Ian and his roommates that never seem to live in the same place twice. You all were a wild bunch. Charlie, you are not "the boy", but you are a good friend. Ian, you could have lived with us and saved you the hassle of the PTs for visiting in barracks. Don't forget one song and leave, and our adventure in "the City". It was always out of hand when you were around. Take care and thanks for everything. Thanks again to all of you!

Mom, Dad and Sis, thank you for your tremendous support over these four years. You have always been there to help. Thank you, I love you. We have one more year that we will make it through together.

Appropriately the theme for this year's BOMB is the Sesquicentennial. (It seems as if I've been here 150 years). The first 50 years were pretty intense; haircuts, sweat parties and general abuse of young men just because they happened to be college freshmen. The next 50 years were full of expectations, yet we were again robbed of a normal college experience because we DIDN'T have cars and we DID have 27 credit hours each semester. The next 50 years were just as long, but just a bit more expensive, as we proved that an entire class could "foot the bill" for a few people to enjoy hotel demolition. And as I enter the next 50 years I have to wonder what lies ahead; will I make it to VMI's Bicentennial? Not to be entirely negative, I am thankful for one thing — I met the most beautiful, thoughtful intelligent woman in the world. Thanks for putting up with the BS. Now we can get on with our "plans" Lee! And, as always Lee, it is most definitely raining in China!! To my family (both new and old) thanks for all the support! To the roommates — thanks for everything! My favorite quote comes from the man for whom Carroll Hall is named, uttered upon the Hall's dedication: "VMI was NEVER as great as they said it was, and it never will be".

**DYKES-1985 Rob Mitchel**  
— 1992 R Hardee, T Dudley



**DYKES-1986 Bill Anderson**  
— 1992 A Saunders, J Stone



**DYKES-1986 "JJ" Walker**  
— 1992 Will Pace





**Lowell Delbert Wilson**

**Willie, Moldie**  
**Army-Civil Engineering**  
**Tacoma, Washington**

Football 4,3; Swimming 2,1; Conduct Pro Club 4,3,2, God Please Not 1.



**Kevin Paul Wood**

**Woody, Woodrow**  
**Navy-Chemistry**  
**Eastville, Virginia**

SPS 4,3,2,1; ACS 2,1; Council of Six 2,1; Rat Training Cadre 3,1; ACC 4,3,2,1; Cpl, Sgt, 1st Battalion S-4.



**Randolph Lowry Wood**

**USMC-Math**  
**Beaufort, South Carolina**

Cadre 3,2,1; Cpl, Master Sgt, Color Sgt, T, Batt. Cmdr; Airborne School 1987; Dean's 1986, 87, 88; Semper Fi Society; 1988 R Member; 1988-89 Meathead Social Club; Cocke Hall; GET BIG; "I wish I was in Dixie" Supporter of the South.

Looking back on my years here the good times far outweigh the bad. Believe me that says a lot about the good times. I am grateful to all the people who supported me and helped me make it through this place. My greatest thanks I owe my mother, not only for inspiring me when Institute life had me down, but for the sacrifices she continuously made so that my life could be better. Thank you also to my brothers and sisters for their support, especially in these last couple of years. Valerie, these four years with you have been great. You're a real friend — I LOVE YOU. Thank you Joe and Joanne Laver for your help and support. I'm glad I got to know you, so is Sumpka.

Biv, I'm going to miss the late night conversations and your philosophies on life. Good luck, don't let anything get in the way of your free spirited plans. Drew, good luck in your endeavors. I hope things go your way. John and Quinn, we're being evicted from the library, it's time to find a home. May your pursuit of knowledge be long and prosperous. To the rest of my Brother Rats and friends, it's been fun, good luck in the future

Four years ago I came to VMI for reasons unknown to me and they are still unknown to me. For these same reasons, I stayed. VMI has had a startling effect on me — it has changed me (hopefully for the better, but who am I to say?). Like the old saying goes "It was real, it was fun, but it wasn't real fun." There have been many highlights in the past three years and a lot of low spots also. All the good times can be attributed to my friends — Thanks for the memories — Zolloman's, UVA, UNC, JMU, Road Trips, room games, wrestling. I want to thank the Council of Six, you made being a Chem major bearable. I wish you all success in the future. Pete and Scott, living with you hasn't been boring! Keep in touch! Biff, give me a call when you get out and we'll celebrate!

Finally, I want to thank both sets of Grandparents for their support and packages. Mom and Dad — my college career was probably tougher on you than it was on me. Mom, thanks for the letters and the phone calls, they helped a lot. Dad, I owe a lot to you, more than I'll ever admit. I don't know how you put up with me, but you did and I'll never forget it. I hope I have that much patience in the future, I guess that is just one more lesson for me to learn. Karen, thanks for cards and letters, you always could put a smile on my face.

"Some of it's tragic and some of it's magic, but I had a good life all the way." — Jimmy Buffet

Four years ago a decision was made to choose the path less travelled. Perhaps in the name of trying to follow in the footsteps of my father and someday be a man and a Marine as great as him, or perhaps for the sake of challenge and discipline, I chose to come to VMI. I owe everything thus far to my family. They kept me on the path when quitting was easier and ways they supported me and gave me the freedom to fail, standing by to set me straight. Mom and Ashley, I love you. Dad, there is no one else but you. To my "B" I am speechless. I thank you for the many laughs and for taking the beating; those cold, dark days. It warms my heart to know that inside Bob Alder is a true Southerner confused in a Yankee upbringing. The mutual toleration was one of a kind. To Matt Terhead St. Clair, Semper Fi, Warrior!

"I am the Lizard King, I can do anything!" — Jim Morrison

And on the final day God created weightroom, and man got big, and Mr. C built big abs, and it was good.

"Can you live in the tropics? Can you fight the sand? Have you the compunction to fight in a foreign land? Can you kill a desperate African nation? Can you bite the pill if operation don't go down?" — Jim Carroll

**DYKES-1986 Mike Rivenbark**  
**— 1992 Mike Kamin**



**DYKES-1986 Jon French**  
**— 1992 J Darby, B Persinger**



**DYKES-1986 Tom Russell**  
**— 1992 K Frantz, L Yarborough**







Harold Lee Wyatt II

Hal, Nappy, Grit  
Army-History  
Lynchburg, Virginia

... Rat Training 3,1; Ranger Platoon 4;  
Book 4; Editor Ring Figure Magazine; AFT  
2; Rifle and Hiking Club 4,3; Swamp  
ter 3; 300 Club 3; '65 Movie Theatre 3,2,1;  
ail and Suds Club 4,3,2,1.



Angelo Joseph Biviano Jr

Biv, Biver  
Army-English  
Hammonton, New Jersey

English Society 1,2,3; Timmon's Society 1,3,4;  
Den Denizens 1,2; Conduct Pro 2; Kangaroo  
1,2; Highway Hipsters 1; Hop and Floor 1,2,3 4;  
CADET 1,2.



George Hoadly Bowles

Chief  
Army-Electrical Engineer  
Richmond, Virginia

Disciplinary Sabaticle 2; Cadet Waiter 4,3,2,1;  
Foreign Study 2; Va Tech Exchange Student.

... it's finally here and I'm still won-  
dering "What's next?" I've survived everything  
else had to throw at me relatively un-  
scathed, from Matriculation to the endless days  
of tracks confinement. To Craig, Bob and  
how we did it without killing each other,  
I never know. Maybe it was the week long  
tail parties, endless advice on a certain axed-  
out from Sem, or just general ridicule from a  
local or strange tangent, but we certainly  
ways to pass the time. We even had time  
to once or twice, I imagine that after these  
few years of living with you, there is no  
one on Earth that would be too difficult to  
with. I've learned a lot about myself; above  
all, I've learned just to be myself. Thanks. But  
O-kay (puff — puff) I'm sure that there  
are many things you'll never change. Open the  
door while you're up, will you? Thanks  
ma and Pops, I did it! In spite of myself!  
I go to a normal school! And to the little  
one that also made all of this possible, who  
you?

It is time to pay the toll and career on to the  
next interstate. But before heading out on the  
next highway adventure, let's pause for a  
"Gam", honk the horn, check the gas. I pay  
tribute to all my teachers and friends who were  
crucial during my stay at VMI. No matter where  
the road takes me, I can always follow it back.  
Bob, Marty, Raffi, it has been especially crazy.  
"Verry nice!" My two welcomed bad influ-  
ences: Prodott Norm. And of course, Willy and  
Drew: A four year symbiotic relationship be-  
tween roommates.

Most of all I'd like to thank my folks, who  
were down here more weekends than I was.  
And to the rest of my family — all of my love.  
Thank you. Time to start the engine and head  
back out on that maniacal, miraculous road.

"all alone in the night I had my own thoughts  
and held the car to the white line in the holy  
road. What was I doing? Where was I going? I'd  
soon find out." — Jack Kerouac

"Lord knows I've paid some dues gettin'  
through!" — Bob Dylan

"And then he knew that there was where he  
was going." — Papa H.

As I write this "History" I am attending an-  
other university, hoping that the issue of the  
BOMB in which it is to be printed will coincide  
with my graduation ... Those who are truly  
concerned with my feelings towards my stay at  
the Institute do not need to read them here ... I  
will repair from writing anything Earth shat-  
tering for I am young and I don't want to thumb  
through this book in the future and realize how  
trivial my thoughts once were.

ES-1986 Gerry Leffers  
1992 Forest Carpenter



DYKES-1986 Joe Pinhak  
— 1992 Jim Maiocco



DYKES-1986 Mike Caulkins  
— 1992 Pete Kleppo



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1. Cadet BOYUM, K.E., Class of 1989, Electrical Engineering, for combinations against authority and showing gross disrespect to constituted authority, i.e., (1) writing and distributing material to perpetuate insubordinate conduct within the Corps, and (2) organizing events to encourage other cadets within the Corps to participate in insubordinate conduct, 17 November 1988, will receive a penalty of 15 demerits, 4 months confinement, and 60 penalty tours. Cadet Captain BOYUM is reduced to the grade of Private and placed on conduct probation.
2. Cadet COX, E.C., Class of 1989, Economics, for disrespect - willful insubordination to the Superintendent, i.e., (1) failure to follow direct orders of the Superintendent; (2) combinations against authority and showing gross disrespect to constituted authority.
  - (a) organizing meetings/formations with the purpose to evade regulations,
  - (b) gross assumption of authority
    - (1) allowing cadets to fall out of formations,
    - (2) conducting a new cadet run without authority, and
    - (3) after discussion with the Superintendent, called meeting on 17 November on or about 1200 hours in J.M. Hall without authority,
  - (c) stating that special reports will not be answered, will receive a penalty of 15 demerits, 4 months confinement, and 60 penalty tours. Cadet COX is placed on conduct probation and removed as President of the General Committee.
3. Cadet St. CLAIR, M., Class of 1989, History, for disrespect - willful insubordination to the Superintendent, i.e., (1) failure to uphold and follow the direct orders of the Superintendent, and (2) combinations against authority and showing gross disrespect to constituted authority.
  - (a) gross assumption of authority.
    - (1) conducting a new cadet run without authority,
    - (2) relieving the guard team without authority,
  - (b) organizing meetings and perpetuating insubordinate conduct within the Corps, 17 November 1988, will receive a penalty of 15 demerits, 4 months confinement, and 60 penalty tours. Cadet First Captain St. CLAIR is reduced to Private and placed on conduct probation.
4. Cadet BREHENY, S.A., Class of 1989, Mathematics, for combinations against authority and showing gross disrespect to constituted authority, i.e., organizing events to encourage other cadets within the Corps to participate in insubordinate conduct, 17 November 1988, will receive a penalty of 10 demerits, 6 weeks confinement, and 30 penalty tours. Cadet Captain BREHENY is reduced to the grade of Private.
5. Cadet DUFFY, B.P., Class of 1989, Electrical Engineering, for combinations against authority and showing gross disrespect to constituted authority; i.e., organizing events to encourage other cadets within the corps to participate in insubordinate conduct, 17 November 1988, will receive a penalty of 10 demerits, 6 weeks confinement, and 30 penalty tours. Cadet Captain DUFFY is reduced to Private but may continue to serve as Honor Court Prosecutor.

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## Combination Against Authority



6. Cadet FINKLER, T.J., Class of 1989, Electrical Engineering, for combinations against authority and showing gross disrespect to constituted authority, i.e., organizing events to encourage other cadets within the Corps to participate in insubordinate conduct, 17 November 1988, will receive a penalty of 10 demerits, 6 weeks confinement, and 30 penalty tours. Cadet FINKLER may continue to serve as a member of the General Committee.
7. Cadet GREGORY, J.C., Class of 1989, History, for combinations against authority and showing gross disrespect to constituted authority, i.e., organizing events to encourage other cadets within the Corps to participate in insubordinate conduct, will receive a penalty of 10 demerits, 6 weeks confinement, and 30 penalty tours. Cadet Lieutenant GREGORY is reduced to Private but may continue to serve as Honor Court President.
8. Cadet JONES, R.K., Class of 1989, Biology, for combinations against authority and showing gross disrespect to constituted authority, i.e., organizing events to encourage other cadets within the Corps to participate in insubordinate conduct, 17 November 1988, will receive a penalty of 10 demerits, 6 weeks confinement, and 30 penalty tours. Cadet JONES may continue to serve as a member of the General Committee.
9. Cadet KRYNSKI, K.S., Class of 1989, Civil Engineering, for combinations against authority and showing gross disrespect to constituted authority; (a) gross assumption of authority conducting a rat run without authority, (b) organizing meetings and encouraging insubordinate conduct among the Fourth Class, and (c) leading an unauthorized meeting 1200 hours, 17 November, 1988, will receive a penalty of 10 demerits, 6 weeks confinement, and 30 penalty tours. Cadet KRYNSKI may continue to serve as RDC President.
10. Cadet MILLER, W.E., III, Class of 1989, English, for combinations against authority and showing gross disrespect to constituted authority, i.e., organizing events to encourage other cadets within the Corps to participate in insubordinate conduct, 17 November 1988, will receive a penalty of 10 demerits, 6 weeks confinement, and 30 penalty tours.
11. Cadet REILLY, T.J., Class of 1989, Physics, for combinations against authority and showing gross disrespect to constituted authority, i.e., organizing events to encourage other cadets within the Corps to participate in insubordinate conduct, 17 November 1988, will receive a penalty of 10 demerits, 6 weeks confinement, and 30 penalty tours. Cadet Captain REILLY is reduced to the rank of Private.

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**89**

**SENIOR CADETS IN BARRACKS  
ALL 1 ST**

12. Cadet FEDERICK, M.A., Class of 1989, Economics, for combinations against authority and showing gross disrespect to constituted authority, i.e., organizing events to encourage other cadets within the Corps to participate in insubordinate conduct, 17 November 1988, will receive a penalty of 10 demerits, 6 weeks confinement, and 30 penalty tours. Cadet Captain FEDERICK is reduced to the grade of Private, but may still serve as Honor Court Prosecutor.
13. Cadet TUNNARD, A.J., Class of 1989, History, for combinations against authority and showing gross disrespect to constituted authority, i.e., organizing events to encourage other cadets within the Corps to participate in insubordinate conduct, 17 November 1988, will receive a penalty of 10 demerits, 6 weeks confinement, and 30 penalty tours. Cadet TUNNARD may continue to serve as OGA President.

FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT:

  
Leroy D. Hammond  
Colonel, USA Retired  
Executive Assistant

# The Class of 1990

The speed at which our cadetships pass is amazing! With memories of our rat and third class years forever fixed in our minds, we the class of 1990 come to the realization of being second classmen. As third classmen we relished our accomplishments and new found positions in the Corps. Now as seconds, we turn to our academic as well as our postgraduate responsibilities. However, our primary focus is on Ring Figure. As the days remaining dwindle, our anticipation mounts, and will continue until we join the elite brotherhood of the ring. Each of us strive to achieve the ideals of honor, strength and loyalty which the ring embodies. The work of our committees and class have been undeterred in their commitment to our goals. Without full class support and participation, it would have been impossible. Following Ring Figure, we'll turn our attention to our responsibilities as first classmen and set the foundation of our dykes' ratline. With open-mindedness and determination we'll see our plans through, and hopefully, the front-leaning rest as well. In 1986, we entered this archaic bastion of tradition as individuals, together we shall see it through.

E. Andrew England  
Historian, Class of 1990

Chip Chenery displays the latest in Band wear.

CPT Trower, the newest member of the class of 1990, once again displays his sense of humor.

Opposite Page: Sal Bora cleans his rifle after MS lab.





Mike Mullori spends an afternoon with a good book.



The boys of '90 stand victoriously at Goshen and celebrate with the stars of the gods.

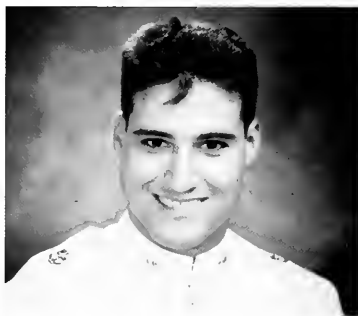




John R. Brethour

Army-Physics  
Hays, Kansas

Band 2, Wesley Foundation 2, President  
S.P.S. 2



Luis Gerardo del Valle

Chester the drunk, Toolmaster  
U.S.M.C. — Mechanical Engineer  
Coral Gables, Fla.

Heman Woman Haters Club Honorary  
Member; Virgin Private; ASME; Dweller  
of Pervert Corner



Dennis Schmidt

Schmidtty, D, Knubster  
Biology — Army  
Peekskill, New York

Virgin Private 4,3,2; Lacrosse 4,3,2;  
cle K 2; Monogram Club 2; We  
Breakfast Club 3; Twelfth Man 2.

Thank you Mom and Dad, my teachers, my  
relatives in Kansas and Lake City, my brother in ZX  
and DeMolay. "The Bach Table" and my Brother  
Rats.

I am not very comfortable writing this history  
because I have not yet graduated. So, I will make  
the best attempt to write how I feel about VMI.

I came to VMI to pay for past sins. I have payed  
my debt. VMI has completed my education by  
teaching me that life is not fair and the world owes  
you nothing. Hard effort is not a guarantee for  
success, but without it, one will never be suc-  
cessful. Academically I have been well prepared. I  
thank the M.E. dept. for their instruction.

VMI has taught me at a greatly accelerated pace,  
about myself and other people. In many ways VMI  
has let me down, or it could be that I let myself  
down. As of now I do not know. Some of my  
expectations about VMI were shattered. When I  
saw VMI from the outside it looked like a crystal  
palace. Now that I'm on the inside I see stained  
glass windows. The windows may be stained but  
the structure is still strong. WHEN I leave here I can  
stand alone.

To my roomates Scott, Pablo and Pat, the best of  
luck. To my Dyke Jason, study hard and have fun.  
To all the people who messed with the "Tool  
Master" Knight, you a perpetual tool for the rest of  
your lives. BAH!!

Well it's finally over even though it seem  
long ago since I was a rat. It has been one hell  
long experience but one that will be worth  
while in the future. The time I have spent h  
VMI can not really be explained in words. Thi  
lasted so long but the weeks went by so fa  
had to do it all over again I can honestly  
would never come here.

I would like to thank my Mom, my brother  
sisters and Michele for supporting me throug  
college career. Mom I know you wouldn't  
wanted it any other way. I LOVE YOU ALL!

I'd also like to thank my roomates And  
Gary for being there when I needed them. I  
to thank Gordie, Pat and Pete (Rm. 109) for m  
Lacrosse more enjoyable. I'd also like to tha  
the fellas in pervert and ghetto corners, fin  
second stoops.

Well in closing, I'm sure the VMI experien  
pay off and I'll be glad I came here.

Dykes 1987 — Scott Jewell  
Dykes 1992 — Jason Carrio

Dykes-1987 Brooks S. Gruber  
Dykes-1992 Jason Lee

Dykes 1987 — Bill "fat Dog" McCarthy  
Dykes 1992 — Steve "Bull" Arnold





Gregory Charles Skinner

Skins-Pretty Boy  
 Biology, Psychology Minor  
 Staten Island, N.Y.

3,2,1; Cadet Program Board 3,2,1;  
 Activities Committee 3,2,1;  
 Lifting 3,2,1



Douglas C. Spitz

Doug, Fresh  
 Army-Economics  
 Long Branch, New Jersey

TCFC Chairman, TCFC Treasurer, Man-  
 aging Editor/Business Manager Sound-  
 ing Brass '89



Paul Joseph Valenzuela

Jose, Pablo, Spic, P.J., Val.  
 USAF-Biology  
 Clifton Forge, Va.

Corporal 3, Sergeant 2, Arnold Air So-  
 ciety PA3, Commander 2, Marine Corp  
 Marathon 3,2; VMI Running Club 2,  
 VMI Fire Fighters 3,2; Rod and Gun Club  
 3, Cadre 2.

It's time to ; The Class of 1990, the last  
 line in barracks; so long Brother Rats; Dave  
 Alison how cute; Ryan and Nobody.. how  
 long has it been anyhow? My sympathy  
 out too other bio. majors, whensomeone  
 ers Cup's notes please let me know. Hey  
 re you still selling Bibles? Hey Danner, way  
 re your nephew dykes at SNI..especially  
 we weren't even there! Hotel 298, Doug you  
 we us money for the night; Sorry Eddie;  
 mean to steal your girl as a rat. Rugby:  
 ing more needs to be said, it was fun. Dave my  
 clinched and I've got that urge up again.  
 n't feel bad about getting dumped by your  
 nd, all rats getted dumped on; Save, so..  
 dd up; Hey Kent did you really think you  
 he funniest man in barracks? Math and Phys-  
 Why do they attempt them here?! Kent do  
 ll own a Vette? A Chevette that is. Ft.  
 dale-Uncle Red, Spring Break, Bahamas, fun  
 sun; family: Hi Mom and Dad, thanks for  
 o supportive, Brent, I'll probably always call  
 ry, have you met any hot German girls? Red  
 sty Holidays; Activities:skiing, lifting, rug-  
 nis, girl watching and anything else you can  
 f.

pursue a career in denistry and dabblein real  
 conclusion..Class is over, life begins ...

To begin my history without thanking my par-  
 ents and Suzanne for their never ending support  
 would be inappropriate. I have not taken the easy  
 road nor have I made this endeavor easy for my-  
 self. My hardships were theirs and now it is my  
 turn to pay their loyalty with my success.

I have learned more people who are around me  
 rather than what experience has done for me. I  
 know who I can count on and who believes in me. I  
 believe that VMI helps prepare for the pressures of  
 life, but what you do with that the day after grad-  
 uation does no more. If you were to become suc-  
 cessful, that is a trait that no institute can develop,  
 it is in you. VMI points this out, because what you  
 resolve to be can be no greater than your goals.

Power is based upon perception ... If you  
 think you've got it, then you've got it. If you  
 think you don't have it, even if you do, then  
 you don't have it.

Dad,"Someone said it couldn't be done." Edgar  
 J. Best

Steve and Trey, well I'm finally finished, and be-  
 fore you both, and you know how much I hate it  
 when that happens.

I came to VMI through my brother Andy '85.  
 Despite all the rat line stories, I knew one day I  
 would eventually be coming to here. At times I  
 wish he hadn't told them so well. But now I covet  
 them, they are mine too. I am grateful for his  
 influence. I Hope all that I've sought in VMI I've  
 gained; more importantly, that it will stay with me.  
 557, 350 and 250, are the rooms in which I've  
 served my cadetship. John, Glen, Andy and Steve it  
 was fun and more often than not living in one of  
 the more cluttered rooms in barracks. There was  
 never a dull moment. I'll leave the nicknames out  
 because you will have the last word next year. This  
 place is not for everyone, but for those who make it  
 theirs, there is no substitute. I have no regrets. I'm  
 proud of the experiences that I've collected through  
 here. To all of those who have helped me make it  
 through, I am forever indebted. To Mom and Dad,  
 it has been your love and your support that has  
 seen me through and made it all possible. Thank  
 you is not enough. To the Class of 1990, I must be  
 one of the first to leave, but I will wear our ring  
 forever.

Dykes 1987 — Kent Sparks  
 Dykes 1992 — Eric H. Davidson

Dykes-1985 Cary Westin, 1986 Adam Loveless,  
 1987 Rick Whitty  
 Dykes-1992 Bill "Mogul" Sharp

Dykes-1987 John McClean  
 Dykes-1992 Brian Kelly, Ed Sobieray







Above: Brian McCarthy not quite having hay down  
Right: Sluggo as seen daily

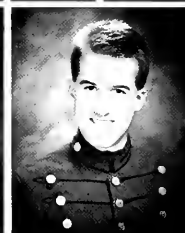
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Fairfax  
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Somers, N.Y.  
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Crescent, Ia.  
Dave K. Amsden  
Holden, Mass.



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Covington  
William T. Arnold  
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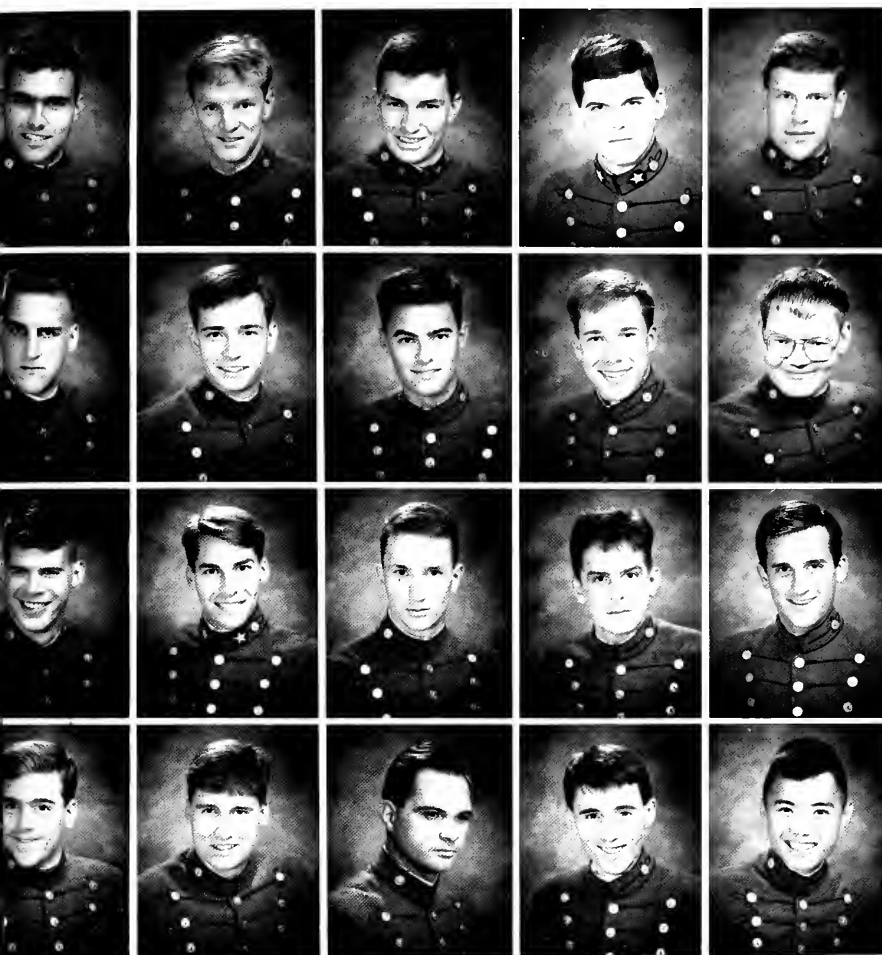


Anthony L. Baker  
New York, N.Y.  
Chris B. Barker  
Chilhowie  
Glen Steven Barr  
West Chester, Pa.  
Dave G. Bender  
Herndon  
Christopher K. Bish  
McClean



Dave A. Bland  
Sedley  
Kelly J. Bledsoe  
Blaine  
Todd C. Blawieki  
Pocahontas  
Charles J. Bodnar  
Va. Beach  
Silviu F. Bora  
Cicero, Ill.





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Alexandria  
Donald M. Bowers  
Harrisonburg  
William J. Bowers  
Dunwoody, Ga.  
Donald Bowman  
Madison  
Paul A. Brayden  
Joliet, Ill

Dennis Bundens  
Wilmington, De.  
Brian D. Burchette  
Hot Springs  
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Fort Hood, Tx.  
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Chesapeake  
Ronald E. Buxton  
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John B. Cabell  
Richmond  
John D. Caine  
New York, NY.  
Chris J. Callahan  
Smithtown, NY.  
Eric D. Carpenter  
Fairfax

Leonard H. Carson  
Chesapeake  
Sean W. Carty  
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## Glen Dickenson

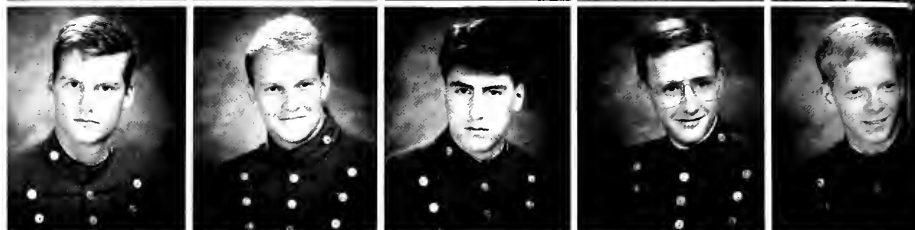
Glen Dickenson gets photographed returning from class. Glen is majoring in Electrical Engineering and is chief instructor for VMI's Martial Arts club as well. Being a well rounded person, Glen can usually be found either in the weight room or a book.



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Hayes  
Robert E. Clark  
Dallas, Tx.  
Finnie D. Coleman  
Pensacola, Fla.  
Andrew M. Conville  
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Hampton



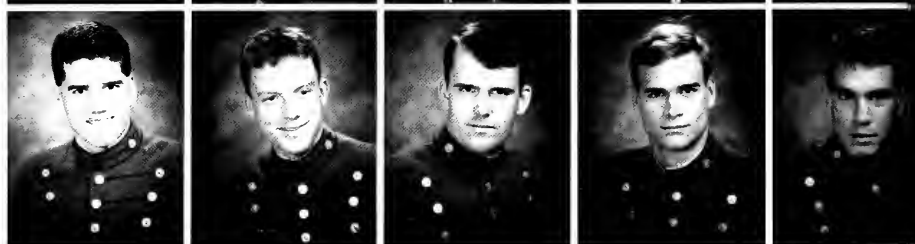
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Jeff H. Crist  
Chester  
Steven D. Crone  
Portsmouth



Mark K. Cumbee  
Mansfield, Pa.  
Mark S. Cunningham  
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David L. Darden  
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Mark W. Dick  
Front Royal  
Glen K. Dickenson  
Fredericksburg

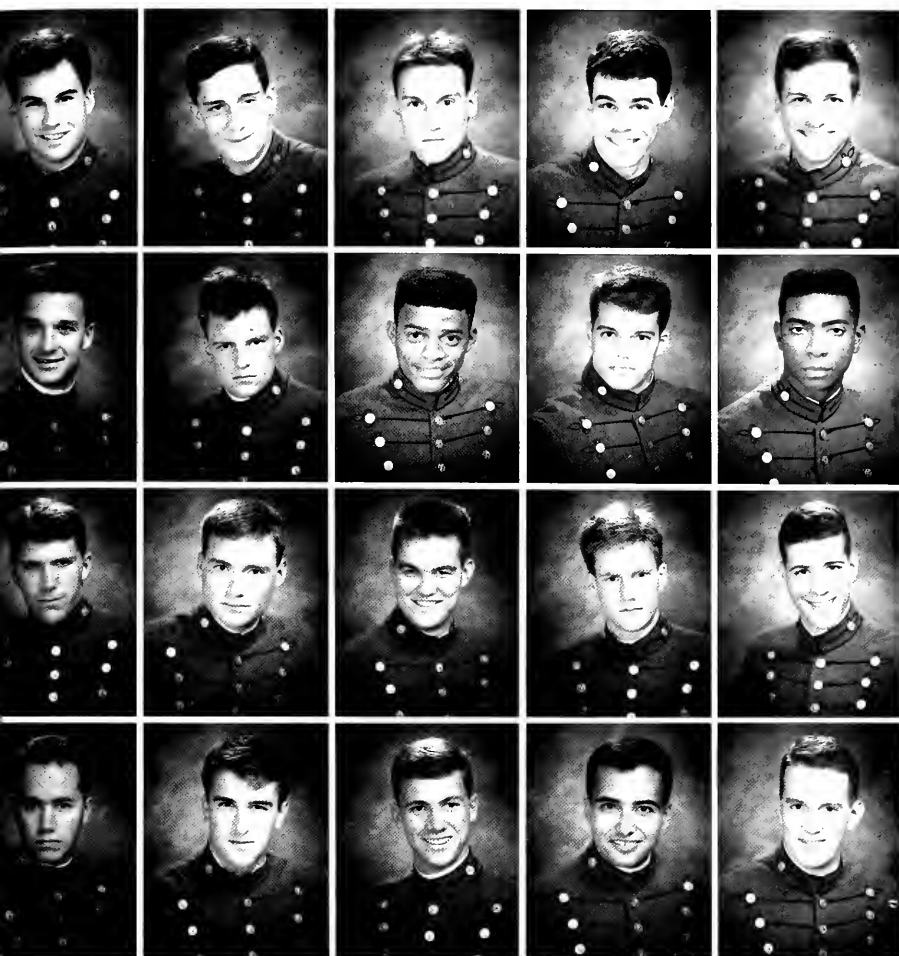


Doug M. Dillon  
Great Falls  
Chris G. Dixon  
Bellefonte, Pa.  
Michael E. Doczi  
Manassas  
William Robert Dowd  
Richmond  
William Patrick Donahue  
Portland, Me.



Above: Sometimes we get off post, sometimes we shouldn't.  
Below: Jake Schmoeyer Takes charge of our Color Guard.





John A. Draper  
Roanoke  
James A. Dufford  
WestSunberry Pa.  
Richard A. Duke  
Chesterfield  
Steven A. Duncan  
Frederecksburg  
Michael P. Dunleavy  
Chesapeake

Ian A. Duthie  
Westfield N.J.  
Todd Eckloff  
Enumclaw, Wa.  
Rodney S. Edwards  
Newport News  
Timothy K. Edwards  
Franklin  
Charles E. Ellis  
Claremont

Jack Ellis  
Berryville  
Andrew E. England  
Mechanicsville  
Mark J. Eyre  
Manhattan Beach, Ca.  
Taylor B. Farmer  
Richmond  
Laurence M. Farrell  
Le Bellmore, N.Y.

Michael E. Faunce  
Waymouth, Ma.  
Timothy S. Feagans  
Lynchburg  
Michael L. Ferguson  
San Fransisco, Ca  
Carlos A. Fernandes  
West Palm Beach, Fla.  
Peter J. Finan  
Dumont, N.J.



Usually Second Classmen relieve the pressures of the "I" by leaving(left); others can't wait that long.(Brian McCarthy and Chris Callahan above).

Stephen Fitton  
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Ross Fitzhugh  
Alexandria  
Dennis Fogler  
Virginia Beach  
Robert Forgie  
Bedford  
Ryan Foster  
Chesapeake

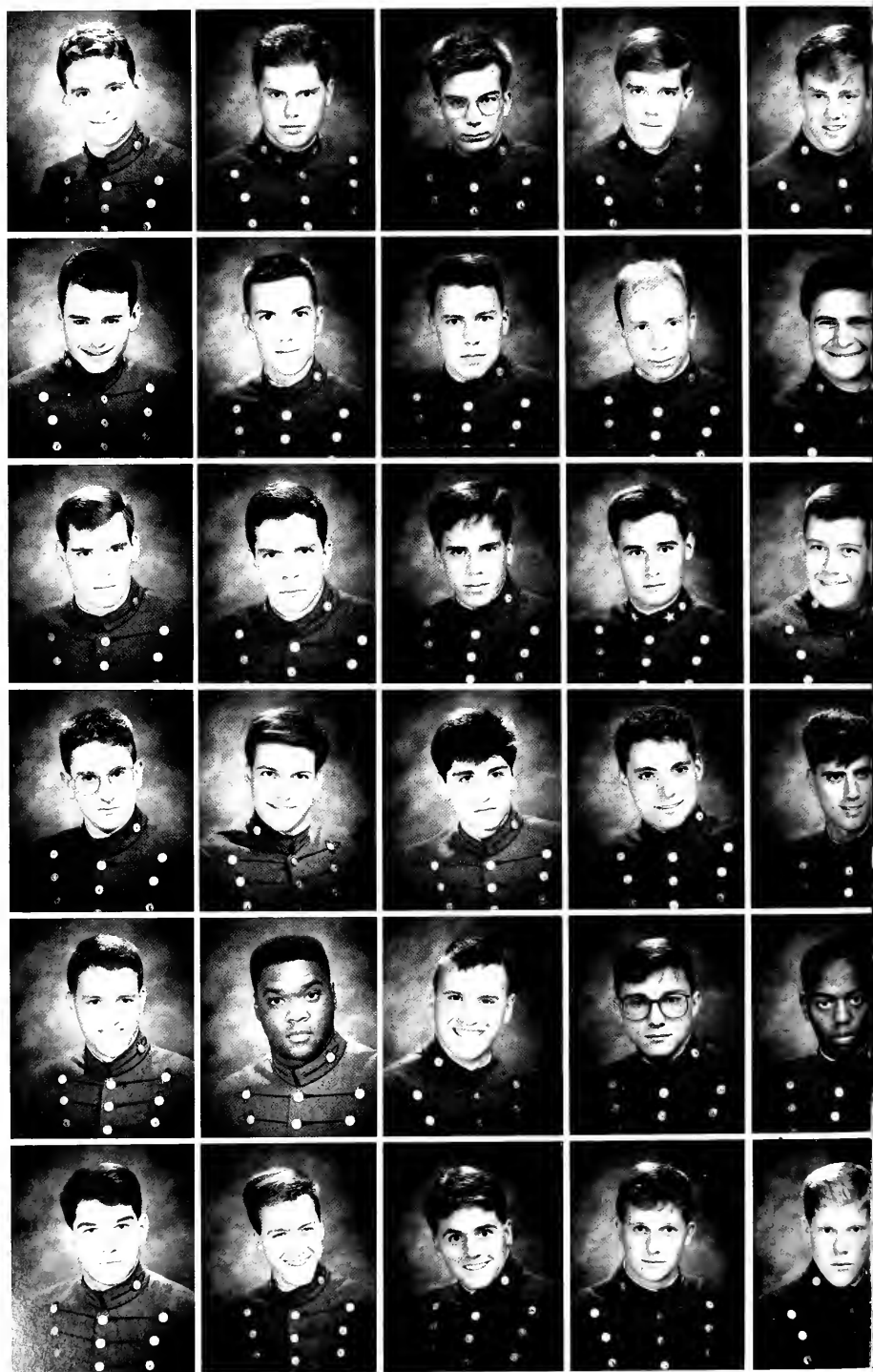
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Johnstown

William David Gillette  
Odenton, Md.  
John C. Golden  
Herndon  
John P. Gottwald  
Richmond  
Mike O. Green  
Lexington, Ky.  
Charles Greene  
Chandler, NC

Robert Charles  
Greenway  
Monroe, NY  
Rob Gudz  
Gales Ferry, Ct.  
Max Guggenheimer  
Lynchburg  
John Hahn  
Salem  
Kevin Handford  
Rensselaer, NY

Doug Harper  
Parkersburg, WV  
Eric Harrison  
Fort Washington, Md.  
Paul Hartigan  
Fairfax  
Bryan Haslam  
Asheville, NC  
Greg Hatchett  
Newport News

Lee Havird  
Portsmouth  
Timothy Haynie  
Bedford  
Rob Hayes  
Alameda, Mo.  
Guill O. Healy  
Atlanta  
Matt Hemener  
Vista, Cal.





Doug Henderson  
Bridgeport, WV  
Mark Hennigan  
Allison Park, Pa.  
Matt Henning  
Roanoke  
Stephen Herzog  
Arlington  
Jon Eric Hilliard  
Richmond

Elson Hin  
Lancaster  
Paul Holland  
Richmond  
Sean Hoover  
Glouster  
Reed Huggins  
Reisterstown, Md.  
John Hunter  
Dallas, Tx.

James Hynes  
Hamburg, NY  
Todd Jacobs  
Suffolk  
Arturo Johnson  
Hopewell  
Barry Johnson  
Christiansburg  
Larry Johnson  
Silver Spring, Md.

Hal Jones  
Amherst  
Jeff Kaster  
Grenville, S.C.  
David Kaulfers  
Midlothian  
Mike Kemp  
Roanoke  
Terrence W. Kerner  
Richmond



# WHY?

This year our class has been slammed with the Institute's double standards. Elliot was dismissed after a playful banter with a rat who told the administration that he wasn't hazed. Guess the rat's own word didn't count. Rob and Bob were suspended for two semesters for the use of evil fire water. Although the penalty is stated in the blue book, it doesn't apply to rats ... at least to rats with over 100 demerits.





One of Hanus' many pets who live in his misc. box.

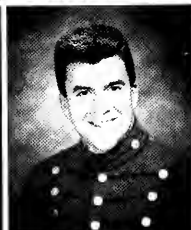


Foster, the ultimate nice guy, displays his desire to become a Christ.

Andrew Young  
Alexandria  
Mike Kimberly  
Modesto, Ca.  
Rick Kimmel  
Shreveport, La.  
John King  
Ridgefield, Ct  
Scott Klion  
Richmond



Steve Knieling  
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Kenny Kovac  
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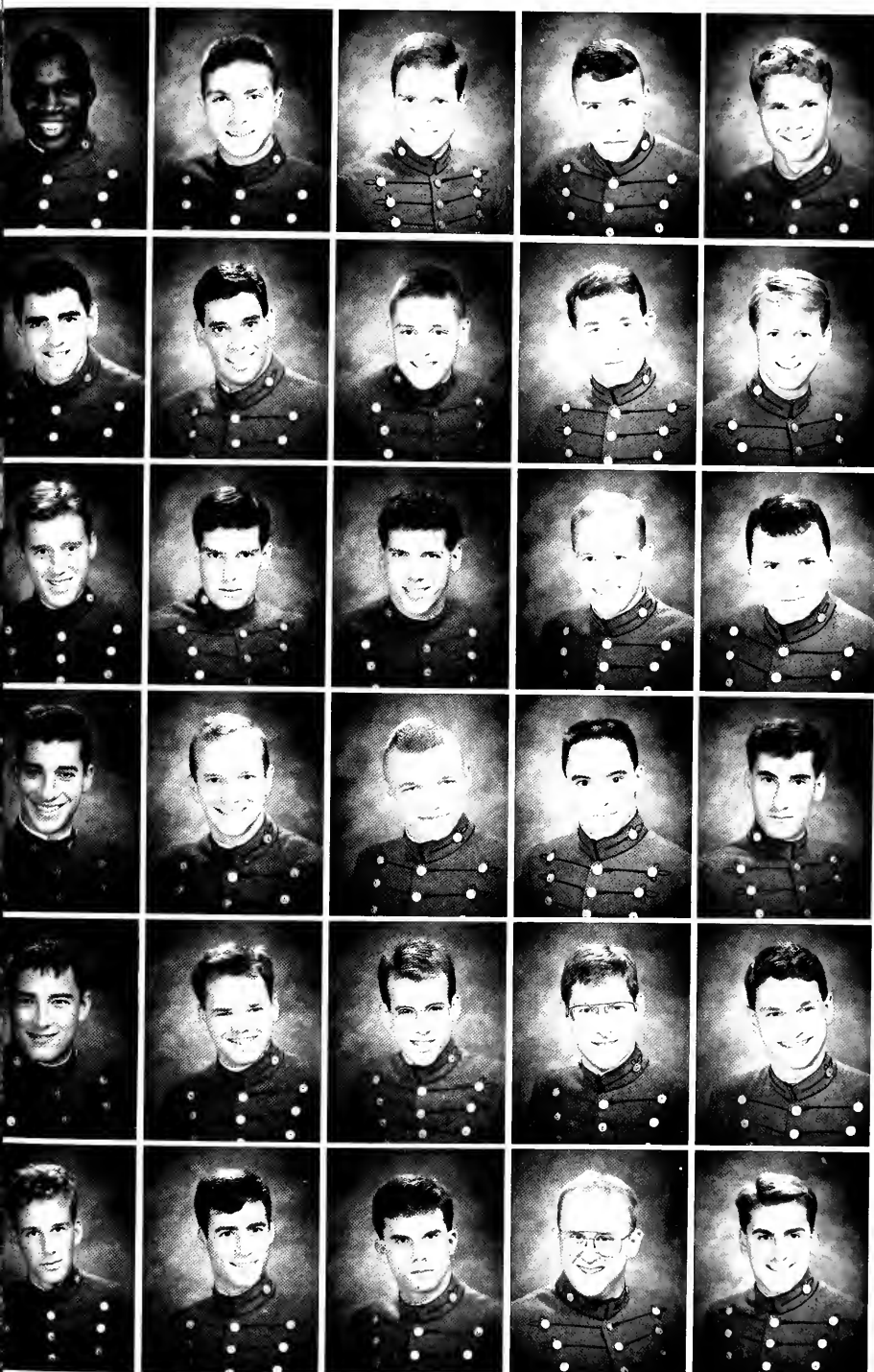
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University, Ms  
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Steve Linder  
Elking, Wv



Chin-Yuan Liu  
Pengshan, Taiwan  
Calvin Lloyd  
Tampa, Fla.  
Hunter Lyons  
Mobile, Ala.  
Scott Lyons  
Mobile, Ala.  
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Mobile, Ala.







Travis Mabrey  
Suffolk  
William Madison  
Alexandria  
James Manning  
Staunton  
Michael Manning  
Arlington  
Peter M. Mantz  
Portsmouth

Ken Markwalter  
Bristol  
Pablo Martinez  
Hialeah, Fla  
James Mavor  
Wakefield  
Barry A. Maxon  
Louisville, NE  
Andrew McCaig  
Dallas, Tx.

Brian J. McCarthy  
Watertown, NY  
Chris McConnell  
Arlington  
Brian R. McCormick  
Richmond  
David D. McGraw  
Baltimore, Md  
Timothy McLaughlin  
Cooperstown, Pa

Mark W. McSwain  
Wilmington, NC  
Richard McWilliams  
Forrest Park, Ga  
Scott Meade  
Clear Water, Fla  
Richard Mehl  
Bellmore, NY  
William C. Melvin  
Herndon

Andrew Mergens  
Scandia, Mn  
Alan Meshaw  
Fayetteville, NC  
Kevin S. Miller  
Oliver Springs, Tn  
Jeffery T. Millican  
Westerville, Oh  
Fred Minnegrode  
Newport News

David Moon  
London, England  
Matthew J. Moore  
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Martinsville, Md  
Chilton Morris  
Summersville, Wv  
Jeff Moushigan  
Salem

Dominick M. Mullori  
Woodbridge  
Kelly G. Musick  
Smithfield  
Mike Ober  
Pittsburg, Pa  
Robert Orndrick  
Amherst  
James D. Osborne  
Springfield



P. Robin Oviatt  
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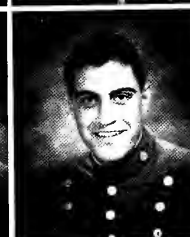
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Chris Pratt  
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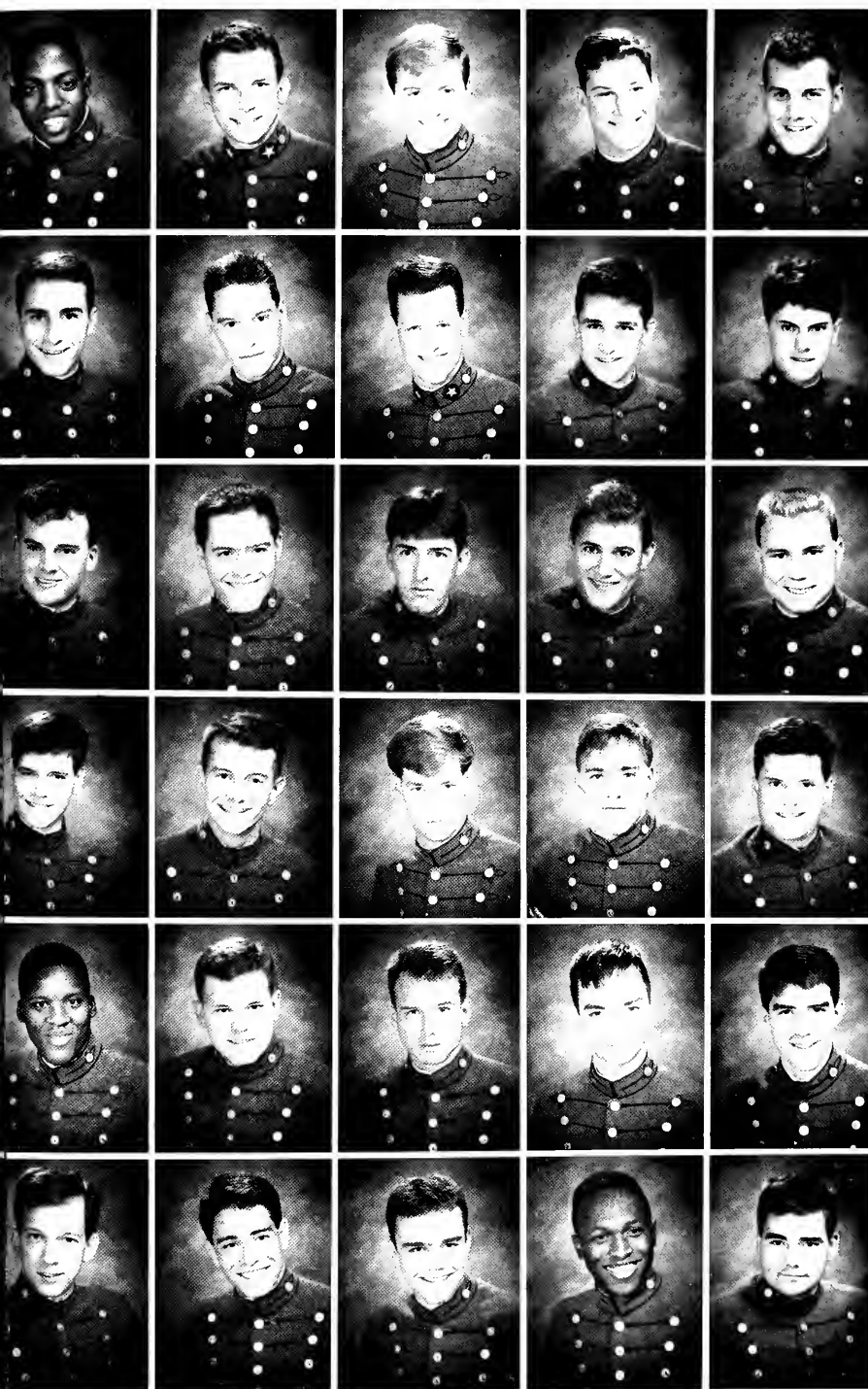


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Jeff Rawes  
Chester



Robert M. Reass  
Creve Coeur, Mo  
Carl E. Rhodes  
Portsmouth  
Coleman R. Rice  
Richmond  
Greg Riddick  
Tabb  
Dove Robbins  
Tomball, Tx





Donald C. Roberts  
Petersburg  
Douglas M. Robinson  
Roanoke  
Kenneth C. Robinson  
Midlothian  
Steven M. Roenker  
Virginia Beach  
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Bethlehem, Pa

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Red Art  
Gregory M. Sandway  
Alexandria  
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Fairfax

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Schinstock  
Sierra Vista, Az.  
Jason W. Schmoyer  
Germanville, Pa  
Robert J. Schnock  
Woodbridge  
August F. Schrichte  
Washington, D.C.  
Matthew J.  
Scharzmann  
Baltimore, Md

James C. Setz  
Baton Rouge, La  
Charles A. Sewell  
Marietta, Ga  
David Hunter Shirey  
Mechanicsville  
Wm. Marsall Simpson  
Richmond  
Thomas G. Slater  
Richmond

Mario Small  
Suitland, Md  
Charles S. Smith  
Edinburg  
Scott E. Smith  
Kenbridge  
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Ashland

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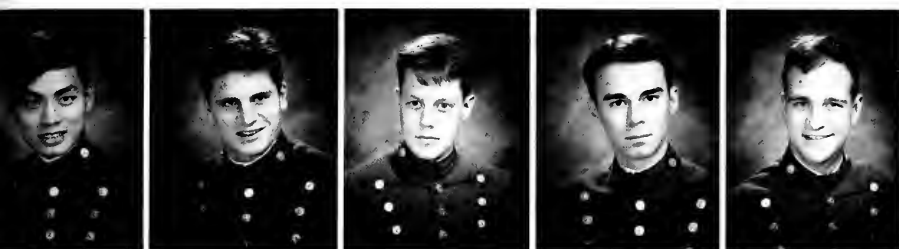
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Summerville, S.C.  
Steven O. Vazquez  
Prince George

Sergio P. Vespa  
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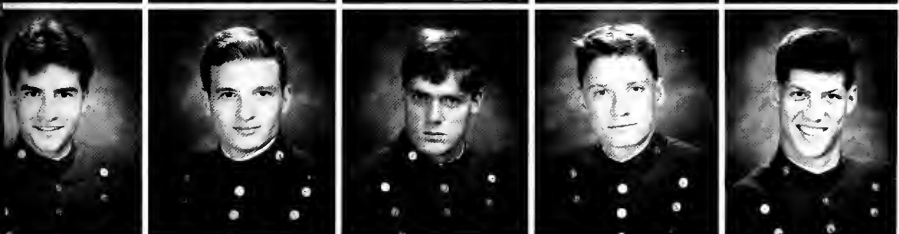
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Andrew C. Weening  
Cayonne, NJ



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Allen D. Williams  
Roanoke  
David R. Williams  
Roanoke



Stephen T. Wray  
South Boston  
Brian K. Woodford  
Vinton  
David G. Wright  
Kilmarnock  
Steven M. Yarbrough  
Liburn, Ga  
David R. Yockel  
Virginia Beach



Antonio Cochran Zang  
Centerville

# THE CLASS



Above: The Third Class officers, from left, Marshall Bridges (Vice President), Daniel Joseph (President), and Robert Cole (Historian), has led the Class of 1991 through the rigors of the year's academic "Rat-Line" and now look forward to finalizing plans for their upcoming "Ring Figure".

Right: Gen. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson represents the tradition and loyalty associated with the Virginia Military Institute and is held high in the hearts and minds of every Third Class cadet.





# OF 1991

## CLASS HISTORY ...

1:00am on the morning of August 1988, our mass, consisting of 408 men from various backgrounds, gathered into Cameron Hall. After saying well to our families, we proceeded to racquetball courts where we began what was to become, perhaps, the most difficult challenge of our lives. Little did we know what sort of obstacles laid before ourselves and our common goal of forming VMI men. Upon meeting our new members, we quickly realized that our fun-filled high school days were over and we had a long journey ahead of us.

Through the guidance of our dykes, we learned that military bearing, academics, athletics had to be appropriately balanced in order to achieve our goals. With their guidance, a sense discipline was also instilled by members of the elected Rat Council. Numerous "RC" meetings and

Rat Tours later, we showed our first true sign of unity by enthusiastically raiding an RC meeting.

After Christmas furlough many of our Brother Rats did not return and the rest of our mass plowed ahead for the last and probably most aggravating leg of our ratline. Finally on the cold, wet day of February 19, 1988 our mass was told that we had proved ourselves and that we were ready to "Breakout". An extremely excited mass formed on the bricks and commenced the ritual. All the adrenaline ended up for naught as the First Class made the announcement of "Fake-out '88", shattering all of our hopes and dreams. Keeping our heads high though, we dragged through six more days until on the 25th of February 1988 our mass of "88+3" became the VMI class of 1991! We had conquered the first challenge on

the road to becoming VMI men. Many could not face the adversity as only 352 of us survived. It was an experience that will never be forgotten!

Coming back to VMI for our Third Class year faced us with two distinct challenges: mastering our demanding academic curriculums and the task of training the upcoming Rat Mass. The immense responsibility placed upon our shoulders was to instill in them the fortitude to become VMI men.

Robert F. Cole  
Historian '91



DANIEL S. JOSEPH  
PRESIDENT

MARSHALL W. BRIDGES  
VICE PRESIDENT

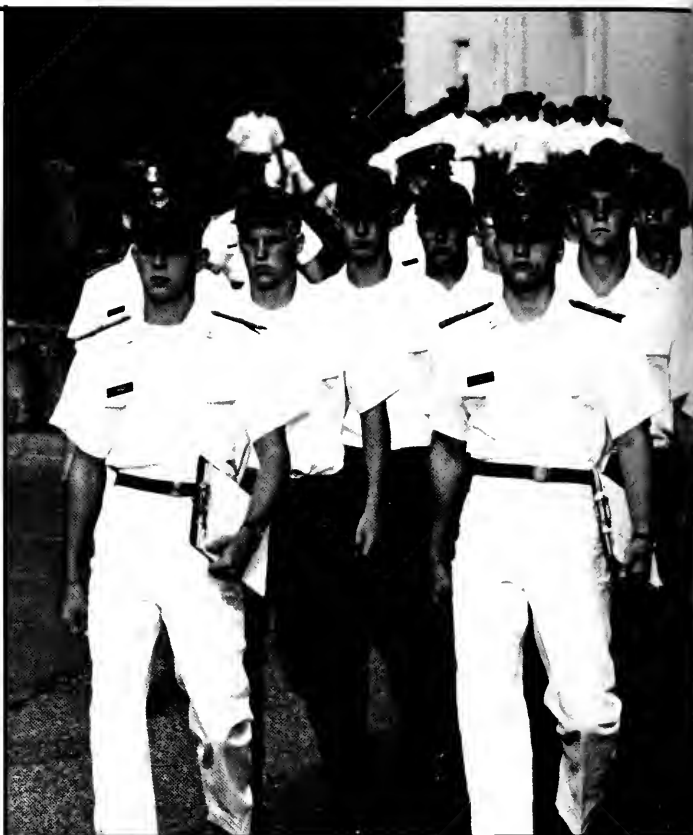
ROBERT F. COLE  
HISTORIAN

Left: Buckey Bridges, Dan Joseph, and Bob Cole take some time out of their busy schedule to inspect the Commandant's office.



Left: Charlie Stringer, Dan Joseph, and Jim Pugel lead the motivated Charlie Company down for yet another grueling trial of Cadre Week . . . SRC

Below: Mike Martin insures his new cadets have their weapons squared away



Above: The Third Class President explains "attention to detail" to a Charlie Rat while getting ready for one of the daily morning inspections.

Right: Corporal Julio instructs a Rat in the proper manner of "present arms".



# NEW LEADERS

The Third Class tackles the role of leadership in the Corps of Cadets.

August 16, 1988 brought another matriculation, a new VMI class, and yet another Rat Line while the newest members of the "Old Corps" started a rigorous maturing process that will allow them to assume their respective roles as future leaders of the corps.

After being tempered with the fires of the past Rat Line that had just ended six months earlier, the fresh faces in the company staffs, the corporals, began an orientation process designed to mold a method of instruction that would produce a professional approach in instructing the new cadets in the weeks and months to come.

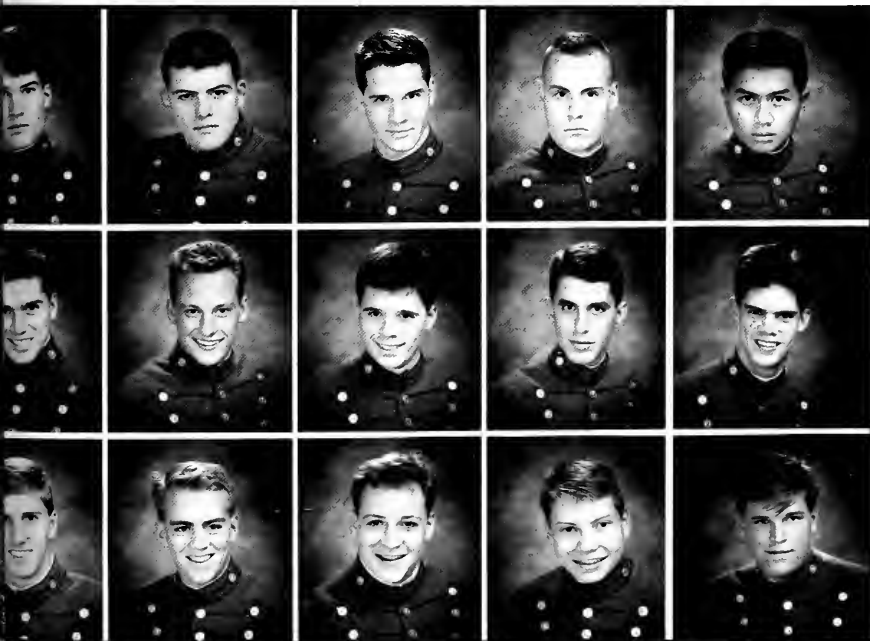
Cadre Week provided the first challenge for the company cadre corporals as they instructed the fresh, green civilians in the intricacies of personal appearance, rifle manual, and marching. This week prior to the normal class schedule al-

lowed for many instances in which third classmen were required to correct the various deficiencies of the new cadets while at the same time, setting an example of the proper military bearing that their pupils were expected to emulate.

The start of classes brought more duties for the corporals that compounded with their rat duties and also allowed the rest of the third class to shoulder the burden of much responsibility. The Third Class Fundraising Corporation, various class committees, and the class officers began with a vigorous and ambitious start on preparing for Ring Figure, an event over one year in the future.

Among other leadership positions, members of the class of '91 were found as editors of Institute publications, officers in clubs,

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Alten, Nicholas  
Manassas  
Amato, Matthew  
Mullica Hill, NJ  
Apostle, James  
Winchester  
Arms, Craig  
Raven  
Arnaldo, Edwin  
Virginia Beach

Bailey, Kendall  
Amherst  
Baines, Richard  
Washington  
Barnes, Micheal C.  
Williamsburg  
Barnett, Christopher  
Falmouth  
Barnette, Gary  
Ivor

Batenhorst, Chris  
Quantico  
Bauer, Thor  
Toledo, OH  
Beale, Biff  
Little Rock, AR  
Beard, David  
Daleville  
Beasley, Andrew  
Newport News

## new leaders *continued*

and members of the Rat Training Cadre. The members of the publications staffs were responsible for the production of the BOMB, THE CADET, and THE SOUNDING BRASS. As club officers, the third class handled the management of many of the corps' clubs and organizations. Finally, third class corporals and privates alike shared the responsibilities of training the new cadets in the many phases of Rat Training.

The many leadership opportunities afforded by the third class year enable cadets to mold their future both as second and first classmen and in upcoming careers in the military and civilian world alike. These leadership experiences add certain intrinsic value to each cadet's term at the Institute. Upon reflecting third class year, a certain sense of sat-

isfaction is generally derived due to the mass of responsibility in both academics and extracurricular activities that have been handled and passed on to another class. This satisfaction is one that lasts throughout an Institute man's life and remains a part of him forever.

As the year passed and the Rats broke out, the class of '91 began to look in anticipation of ascending another rung in the ladder of corps maturity. The upcoming year will bring a new level of cadre management, Ring Figure, and the final step before assuming the role of the leaders of the corps.

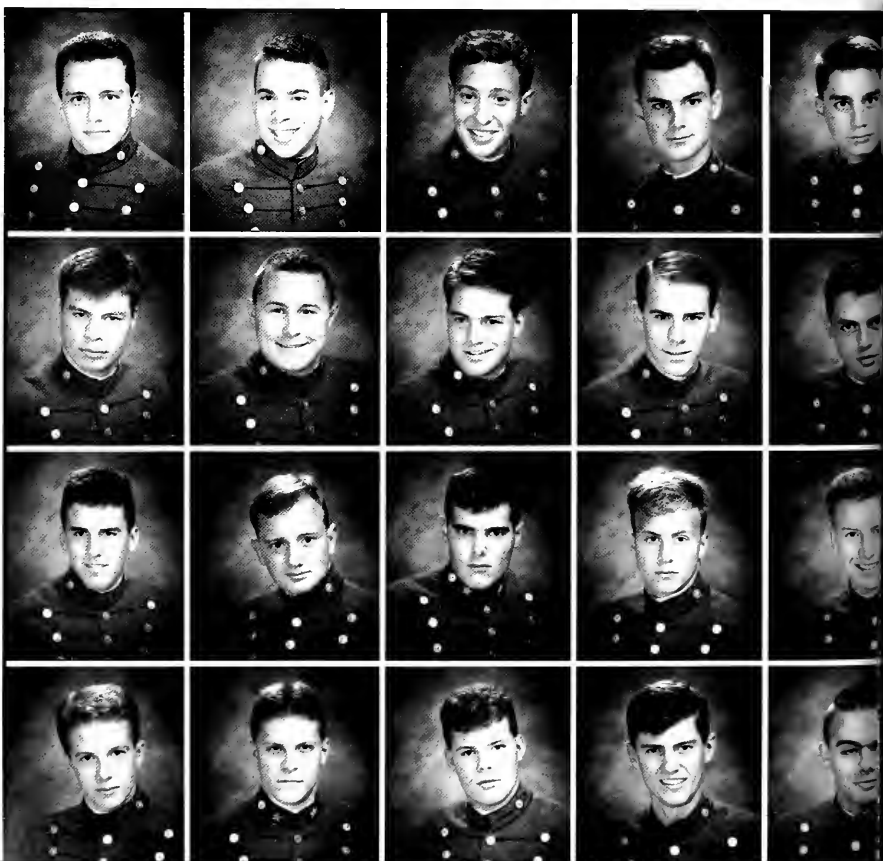


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Richmond

Bond, Chris I.  
Glen Allen  
Booth, Gregory L.  
Concord  
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Newport News  
Boswell, Thomas W.  
Keswick  
Boyle, Sean P.  
Fairfax Station

Brennan, William T.  
Satellite Beach, FL  
Bridges, Marshall W.  
Burke  
Brindley, Peter V.  
Miller Place, NY  
Brodigan, Bradley B.  
Richmond  
Brooks, Bryan C.  
Roanoke

Brown, Evan J.  
Clifton Forge  
Bryan, Kyle A.  
Chamblee, GA  
Bryant, Christopher A.  
Elkton, MD  
Buckland, Christopher  
McLean  
Buckley, Daniel W.  
Fairfax





Far Left: Foxtrot Cadre, Dan Cadigan, Tate Jackson, and Jeff Cuiper, set the pace for their company on the early morning runs.

Left: Corporal Bond . . . "Barking" commands!

Below: Echo Company Cadre member, Chris Cruz, provides the Rats with a lesson in military bearing.



Buffkin, Russel C.  
Mobile, AL  
Bunch, Micheal H.  
Norfolk  
Burch, A. Scott  
Gloucester  
Burks, Eric H.  
Houston, TX  
Burton, Micheal H.  
Norfolk

Cadigan, Daniel R.  
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Willowbrook, IL  
Callahan, Steven N.  
Harrisonburg  
Canedo, Guillermo A.  
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Marion  
Chen, Jack  
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Great Falls  
Childs, John M.  
Bethlehem, PA

Coffman, P. Shane  
St. Albans, WV  
Cole, Robert F.  
Burke  
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Richmond  
Collier, Andrew H.  
Alexandria  
Conforti, David  
Placentia, CA

# ACADEMICS

Awaiting the Third Class after summer furlough was a new "Ratline"

After a year of screaming cadre, early morning calisthenic's sessions and a full course load of academic work, the class of 1991 had one of the most dreaded VMI challenges ahead of them: the Third Class's academic "Ratline".

With Rat year behind them now, Third Classmen had four to five upper level three credit hour classes to contend with. These classes were of much greater intensity than Rat year and the professors expected much more. The rationale for this barrage of academics at this time in one's cadetship is to build a solid foundation so that the cadet will be able to cope with the theory orientated classes of the second and first class years.

To handle the work load, a cadet experiences multiple nights of unauthorized "all-nighters". These "all-nighters" usually involve staying up un-

til four or five in the morning (sometimes up to BRC) to finish a paper, touch up a project, or brush up on material for an exam. Though an occasional "all-nighter" is not really that overbearing, the strain of three or four in one week does complicate matters a little for the Third Classman and takes a heavy toll. After battling a full week of classes and a very hideous "rack monster", the cadet finally finds his peace in "racking" hard Sunday morning.

Although there are always those who acquire and maintain academic days, a large number will continue the fight against academic probation and hover between a 2.0 and 2.5 GPA the rest of their cadetship, always looking forward to summer furlough and of course, summer school!



Connor, Ian M.  
Sandy Springs, GA  
Consolvo, John A.  
Suffolk  
Costello, Steven G.  
Dumfries  
Coupland, Richard C.  
Annandale  
Covey, Jeff G.  
Dunedin, FL

Covey, Joseph Lee  
Apo San Francisco, CA  
Cribbs, Donald A.  
Pittsburgh, PA  
Cruz, Christopher  
Virginia Beach  
Cuiper, Jeff R.  
Katy, TX  
Daly, Shannon M.  
Leesburg

Daniels, Christian F.  
Miller Place, NY  
Daniels, Christopher  
Spring, TX  
Davis, James L.  
Covington  
Davis, Joseph B.  
Thaxton  
Davis, Trenton O.  
Orange





Top Far Left: Economics major Mike Jannusch diligently runs over his notes for the next day of classes.

Bottom Left: Third Classmen Seth Judd and James McClellan make the best of their studytime after the 1930 stick.

Left: Lynn Whitacre . . . But I'm already edge-a-mi-cated!

Below: Even academic studs like Steve Toma occasionally nap during Calc recitations.



Day, J. Scott W.  
Clifton  
Demers, James R.  
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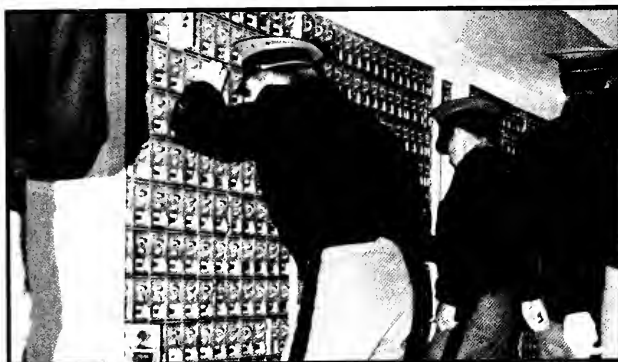
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Draper, Ken  
Woodbridge

Duda, Alan J.  
Andrews AFB, MD  
Dudar, Stephen W.  
Oak Park, MI  
Dudas, Michael G.  
Potomac, MD  
Duffy, John E.  
Valley Cottage, NY  
Dumouchelle, Thomas  
Colonial Heights



Below: The persistent cadet checking mail is usually and unfortunately met by the consistent presence of cobwebs! ... Write your favorite Third Classman!

Right: The post boxes that saw many a brighter day during "Rat Year"

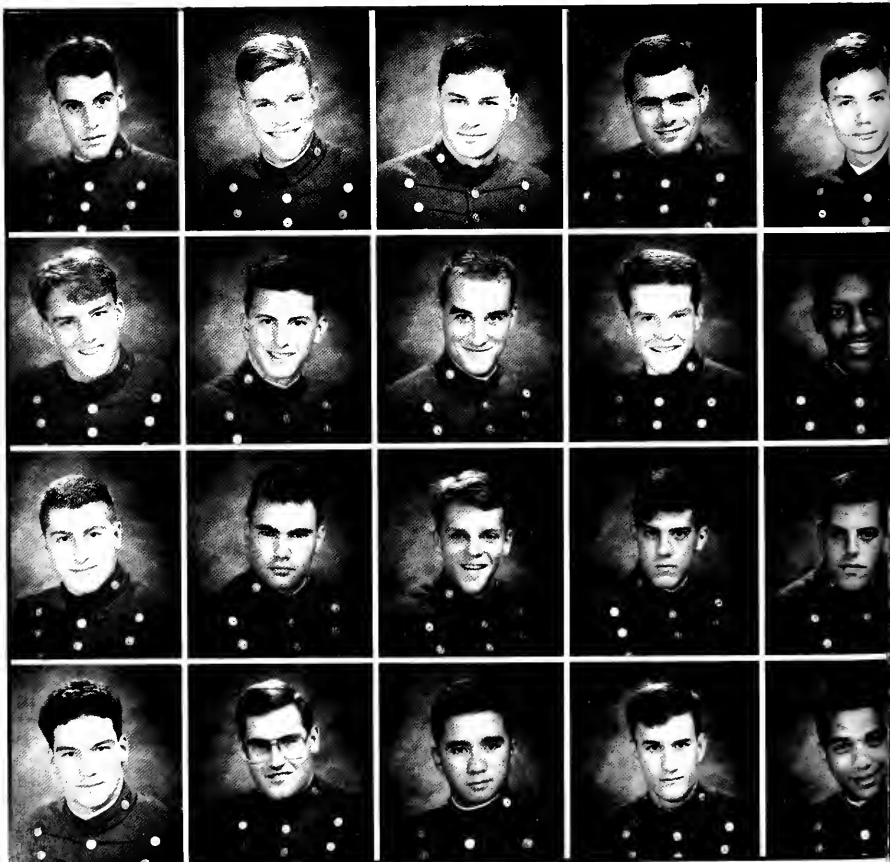


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Forest  
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Danville

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# MAIL CALL

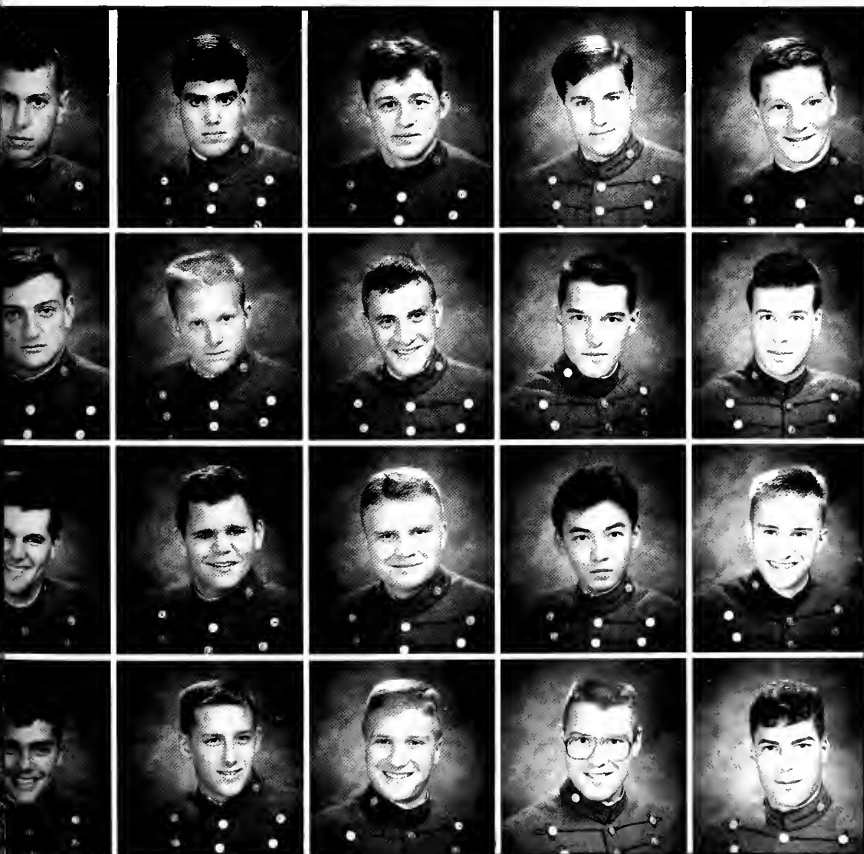
A cherished commodity by all cadets is precious indeed!

With morning classes and lunch out of the way, a Third Classman only has one more stop before his afternoon classes or a much-deserved "rack session". This stop is mail call, or better known as: 1) cleaning the cobwebs 2) checking for "air" mail or 3) the slam session deluxe.

Everyday always has some sort of variation to the mail check ritual. A bulky, heavily perfumed parcel will generally cause mad pandemonium and a rush to catch a wiff of it by other, less fortunate

cadets. Bills and low bank statements will conjure up an outburst of naughty words. But for the most part, one will view the Shenendoah Valley through his empty post box . . . "Slammed again!"

These pleasant experiences add a twist to a Third Classman's normally bland routine of classes and formations, and keeps one wondering if he'll get slammed again. Surely there's someone out there to write him . . . isn't there?!



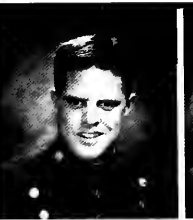
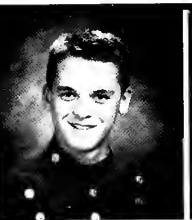
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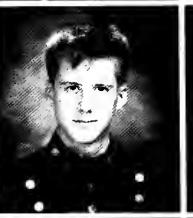
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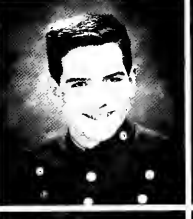
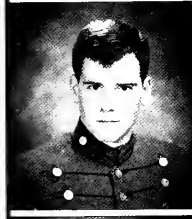
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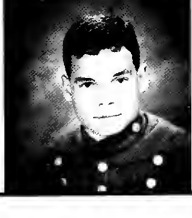
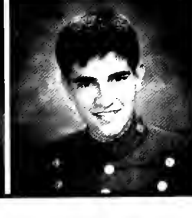
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# WHAT A FLAME!!

rd Classmen turn on the heat, increase volume

Class year . . . a time to give back one had received during his Rat. Many a shy, tame individual had out of his shell to shed a little terror New Cadet's life. They had trans- d into the most hideous creature n to man and stalked the Institute eir prey. Their presence was ever y the nasty little rodents and dis- e is well maintained because of it. ort your local cadre member!



Top To Bottom: Aaron Sink about to "lay a finger" on a deserving "Rat-tie".

Charlie Co. Cadre member, Jim Pugel, tests out his new mouthwash at SRC (Supper Roll Call).

Corporal Cadigan closes his eyes and counts to 100 while all the Rats hide.

Pavel Lesho . . . "Whose Woopie cushion did I just sit on!?"

"Do you think I'm pretty Mr. Rat?" . . . The lighter side of Pat Krug.

Far Right: Lynn Whitacre, overpowered by the "Rack-Monster"!

Bottom: The remains of Seth Judd after a severe offensive by the all-powerful creature of the rack!

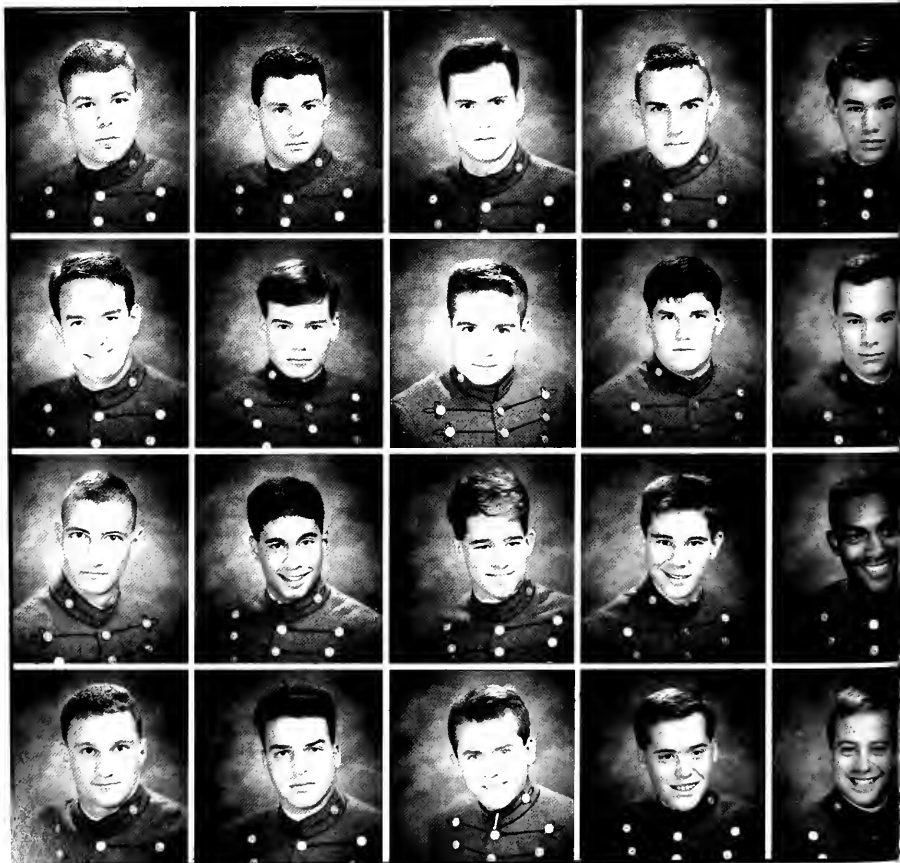


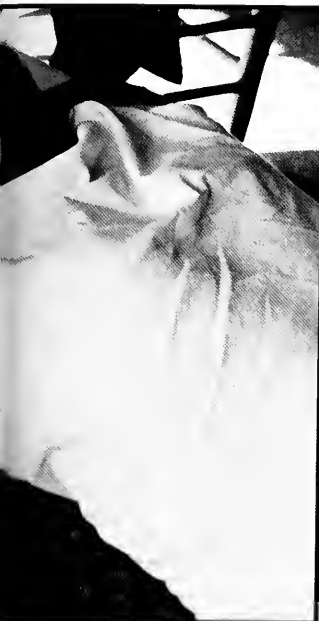
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# THE RACK MONSTER!

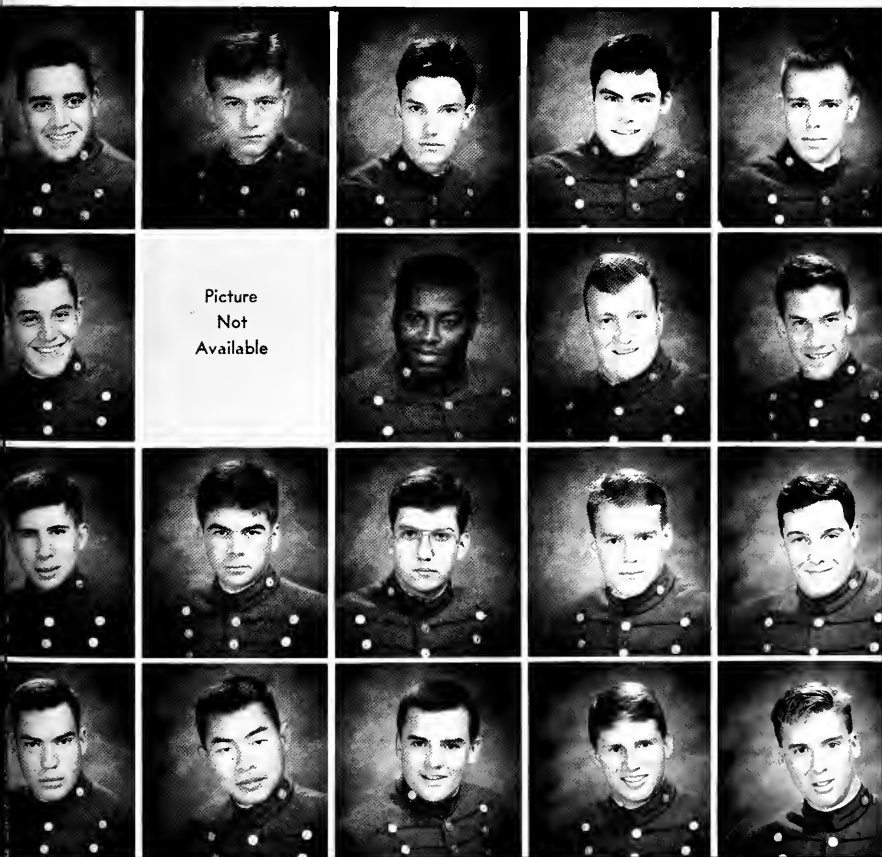
rack monster (rac mon-star) n. 1. a creature indigenous to foam mattresses; the anti-advocate of academics; the prince of procrastination

The consummate "Rack Monster" is a creature unique to the Virginia Military Institute in that all cadets are afflicted with this condition at different times during their cadetship. This condition is fostered and nurtured during the third class year. As the heavy load of academics bear down upon third classmen, the bed beckons back in barracks while the thirds are out late studying in the various academic buildings.

A common goal among all cadets is to squeeze as many hours of unconscious-

ness into the twenty four hours spent at VMI each day. In order to achieve this goal, many new and innovative terms are created. Words such as hay down, run for rack, and sometimes a little illegal hay down action are coveted status for cadets and any means to acquire them are pursued vigorously.

To sum this little bit of information, the "Rack Monster" is an integral part of VMI that shall endure through time. And finally, do not disturb this phenomena, after all, it is a monster.



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Deale, MD  
McMinn, Richard W.  
Powhatan, VA  
McQuinley, Matthew  
Aurora, IL  
McReynolds, Brian  
Beaverdam, VA

McSorley, William D.  
APO San Francisco, CA

Mebane, Turner R.  
Greenville, NC  
Metheny, Matt L.  
Morgantown, WV  
Milner, Jon Rexon  
Medford, NJ

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Newport News  
Mistr, John T.  
Winchester  
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Murray, Larry G. Jr  
Farmington, MN  
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Dumfries

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Richmond  
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Danville  
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Westfield, NJ

# LET'S GO TO A HOP

The third class upholds the VMI tradition of partying the hardest, longest, and best during hop weekends.

The Virginia Military Institute Formal and Informal Hops: unique opportunities to get together with girlfriends from the summer, meet and become acquainted with the vast hordes of wild women from surrounding schools, and the chance to party until the hops stick, wait for the OCMNI stick, then go back out and make it back just in time for BRC formation and Saturday morning classes.

Yes, the monthly VMI hops bring welcome relief to the otherwise boring and dull days at the Institute. The basic law at VMI is that if you trust your BR's, then anyone can be set up for the hops. Unfortunately, the misguided judgements of brother rats occasionally turn a perfectly innocent set-up into catastrophe. But, for the most part, all dates are given first class treatment and cadets and dates have a great time at the hops.

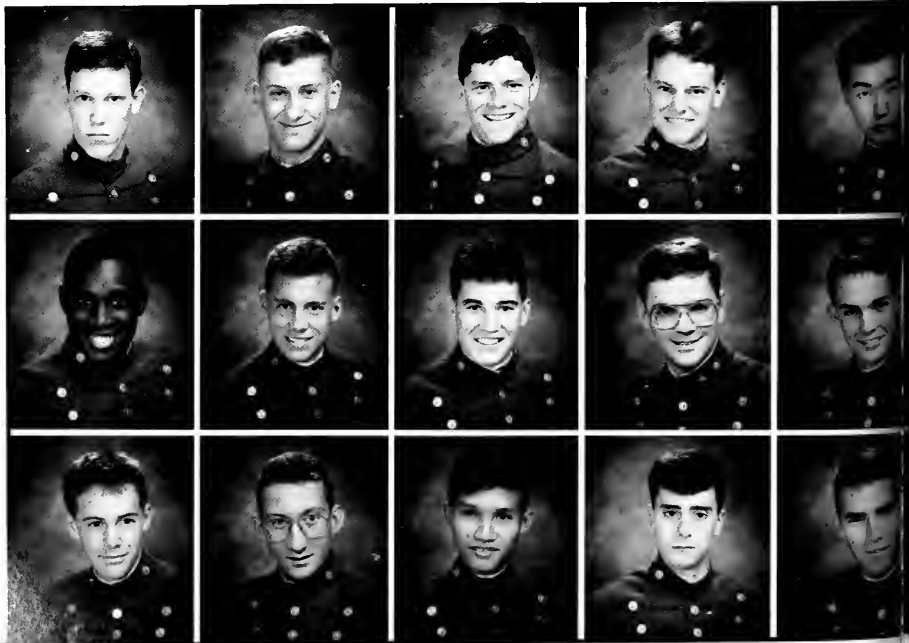
The SOP for hops is as follows: The dutiful, gentlemanly cadets have long since procured a room at the local lodges and have ordered flowers. As the hop dates arrive on Friday, cadets sign out and take their dates out to the hotels and then out to eat. After the mandatory two hours of hop, cadets and dates bolt for the after hop festivities. The wild VMI parties have become quite notorious and Lexington's finest is always out to make sure cadets do not get out of hand. It is quite a shame to see these officers waste their time in their fruitless attempts. Saturday night hop is a dress showcase session for hop dates. After everyone has had ample time to flaunt their stuff, there is yet another mass exodus to motels for more wild, obnoxious parties, and for those on weekends, the opportunity for a truly relaxing night of "sleep."



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Oldfather, Fredrick  
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Carlisle, PA  
Owen, Rufus  
Alton  
Pan, Ju-Chi  
Washington, DC

Parnell, Michael L.  
Hampton  
Feeders, Hans C.  
Enumclaw, WA  
Pence, Jeffrey T.  
Midlothian  
Pennington, Timothy  
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Perkins, Matthew W.  
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Peters, D. Effinger  
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Pett, George E.  
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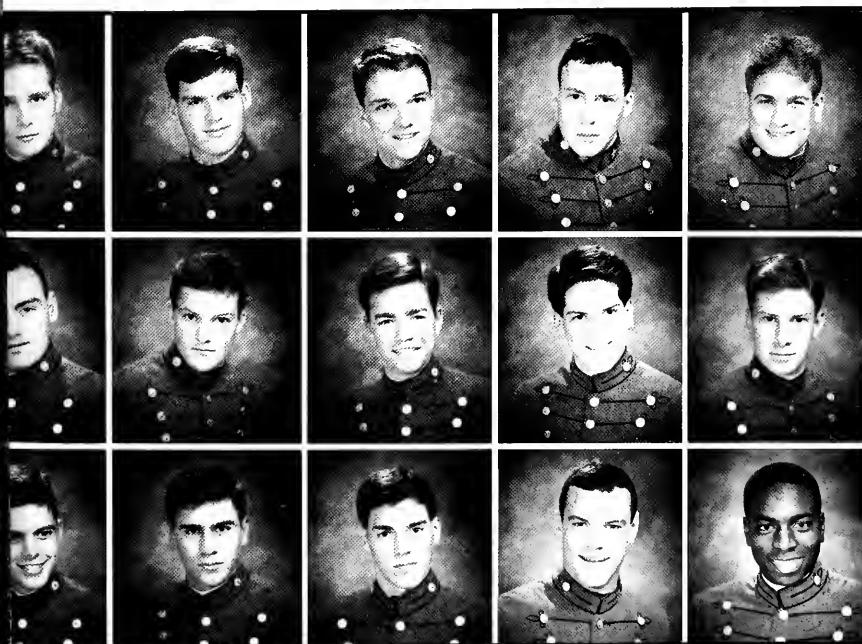
# Where's the party?!



Upper Left: Mom will always be priority #1  
Bottom Left: Mike Robichaud, Buckley Bridges, and Chuck Schindler pose for a quick shot at their motel

Left: Tom Dumouchelle and Erik Sisk ready the tub for a midnight dive

Above: Members of the Third Class jam to the tunes in Cocke Hall.



Pugel, James B.  
Geneva, OH  
Radonis, Richard W.  
East Meadow, NY  
Raffay, Russel A.  
Stanhope, NJ  
Raucher, David K.  
Rockville, MD  
Recrosio, Paul M.  
Pittsburgh, PA

Rioux, Joseph F.  
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Annandale  
Robichaud, Michael  
Verona, NJ  
Robinson, Daniel K.  
Springfield

Rogers, Walter E.  
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Rose, Gary E.  
Gordonsville  
Rudolph, Jeff A.  
Middletown  
Rule, Chris  
Milton, WV  
Rumph, Jason M.  
Augusta, GA



# T.C.F.C.

The Ring Figure committees are underway!

The Third Class Fund Raising Committee (TCFC) was taken over by the class of 1991 in November of '88 and has been running full tilt all year. Vic Dewyea was named the committee chairman and Charlie Stringer the class treasurer. The two have controlled all of the finances for the class in preparing for Ring Figure '91. They have certainly not gone without help though, as many class members have put in many a long hour being class representatives, pizza sellers, and supervising a variety of other fund raising activities.

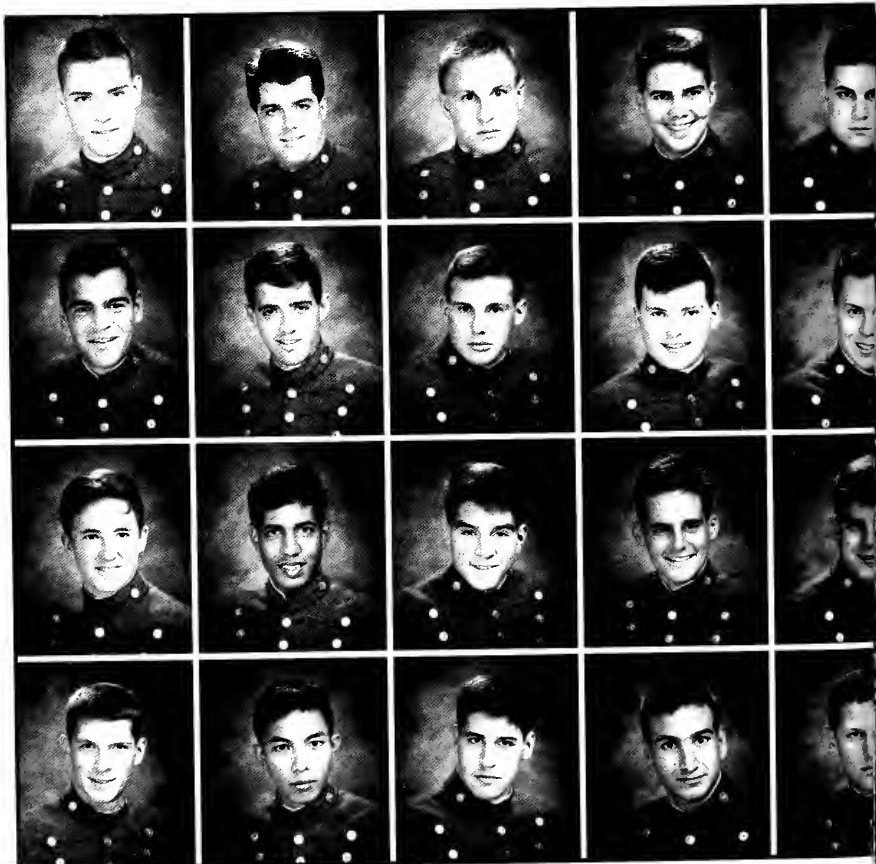


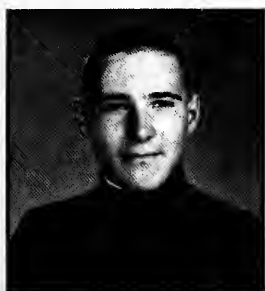
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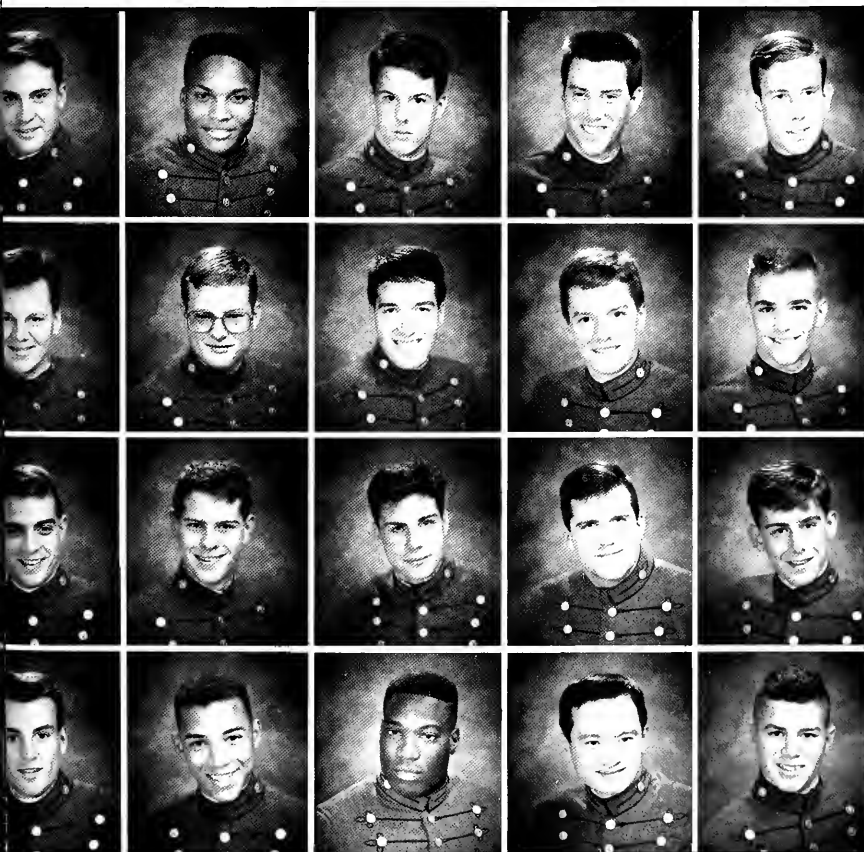




NAME: Vic Dewyea  
HOMETOWN: Broad Run, VA  
POSITION: TCFC Chairman, Class '91



NAME: Charlie Stringer  
HOMETOWN: Marion, VA  
POSITION: Treasurer, Class of '91



Smith, Stephen J.  
Staunton  
Smith, Timothy  
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Smith, William B.  
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Snider, Brian T.  
Cloverdale  
Soileau, Bruce J.  
Orlando, FL

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Torkelson, Kai O.  
Mt. Crawford

# FEBRUARY



## BREAK-OUT '88!

The triumph over the first VMI obstacle, the "Rat-line", had been completed and brought the cadets swiftly into their Third Class year. It was an experience that every cadet carries with him, through the rest of his cadetship as well as the rest of his life. The friends he has made throughout the Rat-line will be eternal and the spirit of "Brother Rat" continues . . .



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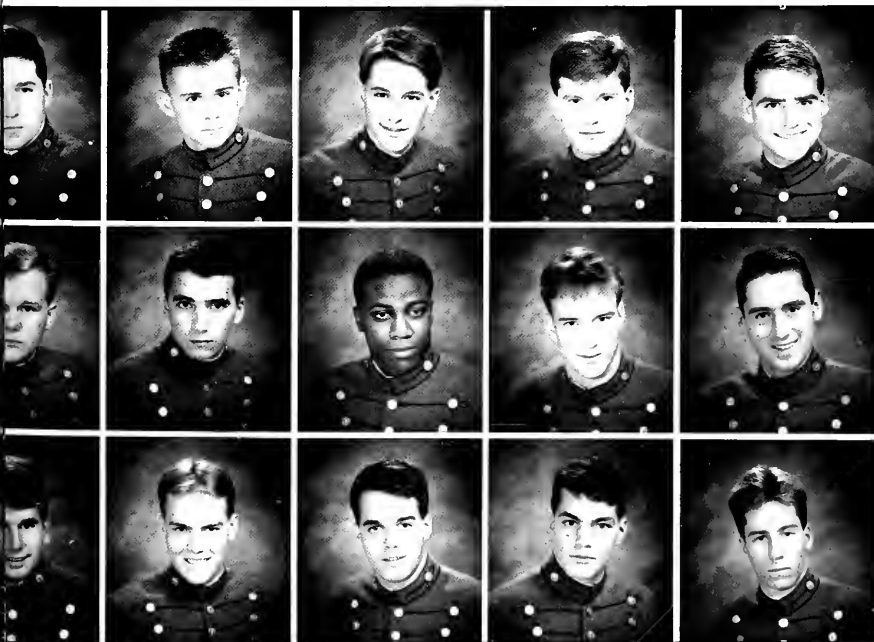


From Left: Feeling the electricity of Break-out, three new members of the class of '91 lock their hands in unity

A crowd of honorable youths, pressing up the hill of science?

Tony Marro munches on "mud pie" for military duty

Scrambling all the way to the top



Wells, Rodger P.  
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Womack, Patrick A.  
Vinton

Woodfin, Jack  
Richmond  
Woodside, Nevin G.  
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Wytheville  
Yeabower, Douglas A.  
Front Royal  
Zahorsky, Matthew J.  
Allenwood, NJ

# RATS . . .

On August 16, 1988 we arrived at the Virginia Military Institute anxious to begin our cadetships. As soon as we stepped on Post, the history that surrounded us stood as a silent reminder and constant example of the 150 years of tradition to which we were expected to adhere. Cadre week presented a culture shock along with a gruelling physical and mental regimen prescribed to transform us from civilians into cadets. Adjusting to life at VMI was one of our first tasks. At the end of Cadre we met our Dykes and began our academic careers at VMI. While our peers were enjoying lives at civilian colleges, we, as rats were faced with many obstacles and decisions that forced us to quickly mature and develop the unity that we would need in order to become VMI men.

Quickly the original 411 young men that matriculated on that hot, mid-August day began to thin out. Those of us that remained closed our ranks to cover the void left by those who could not complete the challenge given to us by the First Class President, the challenge of becoming VMI men. There were times when each of us had difficulties deciding whether or not the sacrifices we made to be at VMI were worth it. As cold and lonely as life could be for us at times, the spark of friendship and the promise of future rewards for present sacrifices and efforts kept us going through the roughest times.

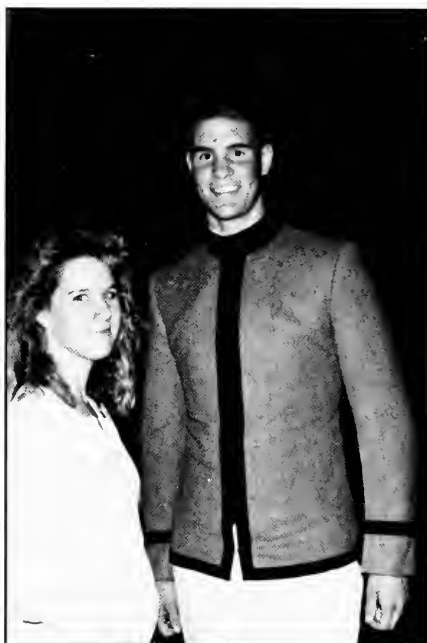
Hard work, constant attention to detail, and dedication were traits we developed in order to help us survive and excell. As days turned into weeks and weeks into months we could see the changes within ourselves since matriculation. No longer were we undisciplined civilians, we were cadets, with history and tradition behind us and a future in front.



Above: Blinding 0600 wakeups usually marked the beginning of another VMI day. Below: Cooperation through unity helped us to survive.



# ... A NEW BEGINNING.



Right; Andy Krug exercises his only privilege. Above; Jeff Guill enjoys his date at Opening Hops. Below; Chuck Enochs enjoys scurrying around the second stoop fraternizing with the seconds.





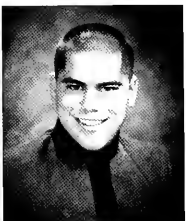


Stepping off on a forced march to ensure the security of the Chessie Trail.

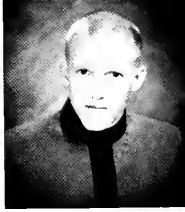
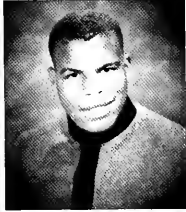
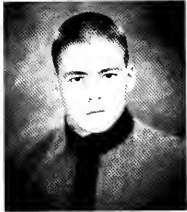
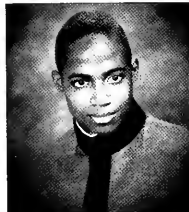


Molly Hatchet administering the first of many "Rat" haircuts to con

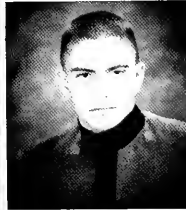
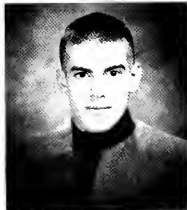
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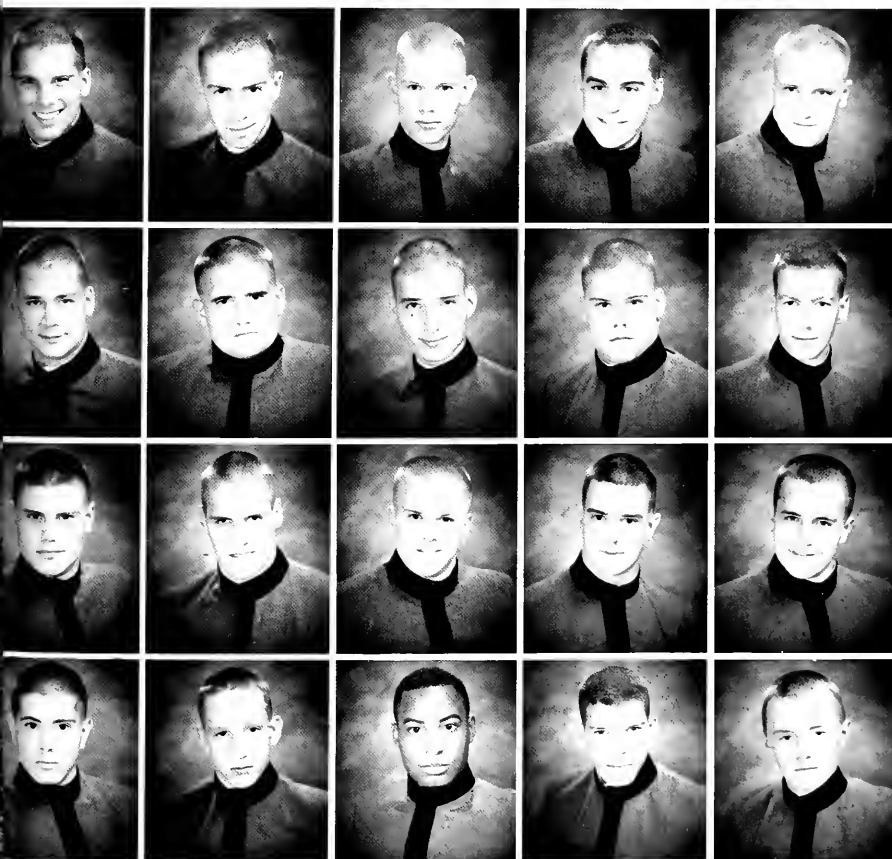




the moment during Cadre affords Churchill Bowles and Richard Falchance to memorize information from their Rat Bibles.



Daily personal appearance inspections from the "Sally Port Geeks" highlighted many attempts to return to the fourth stoop.



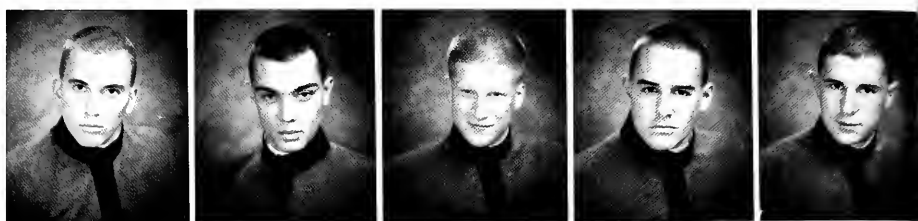
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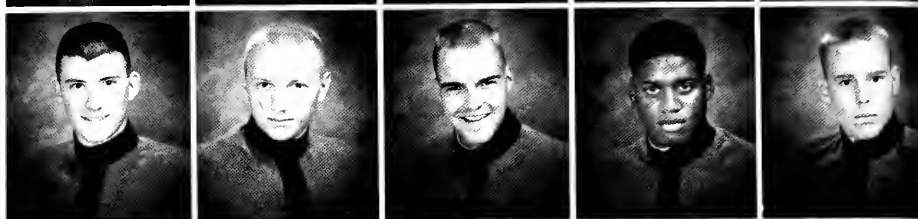
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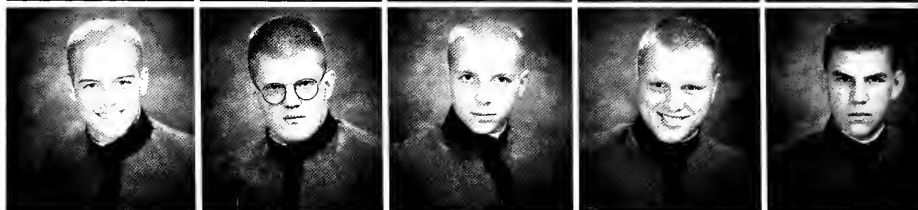
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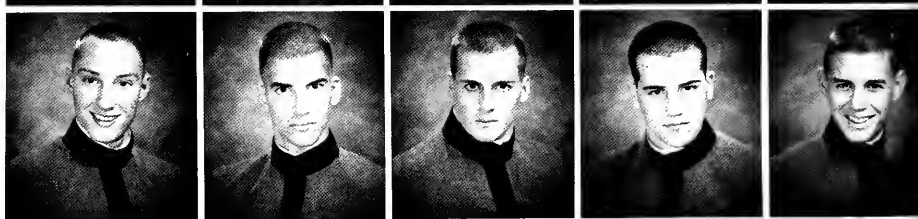
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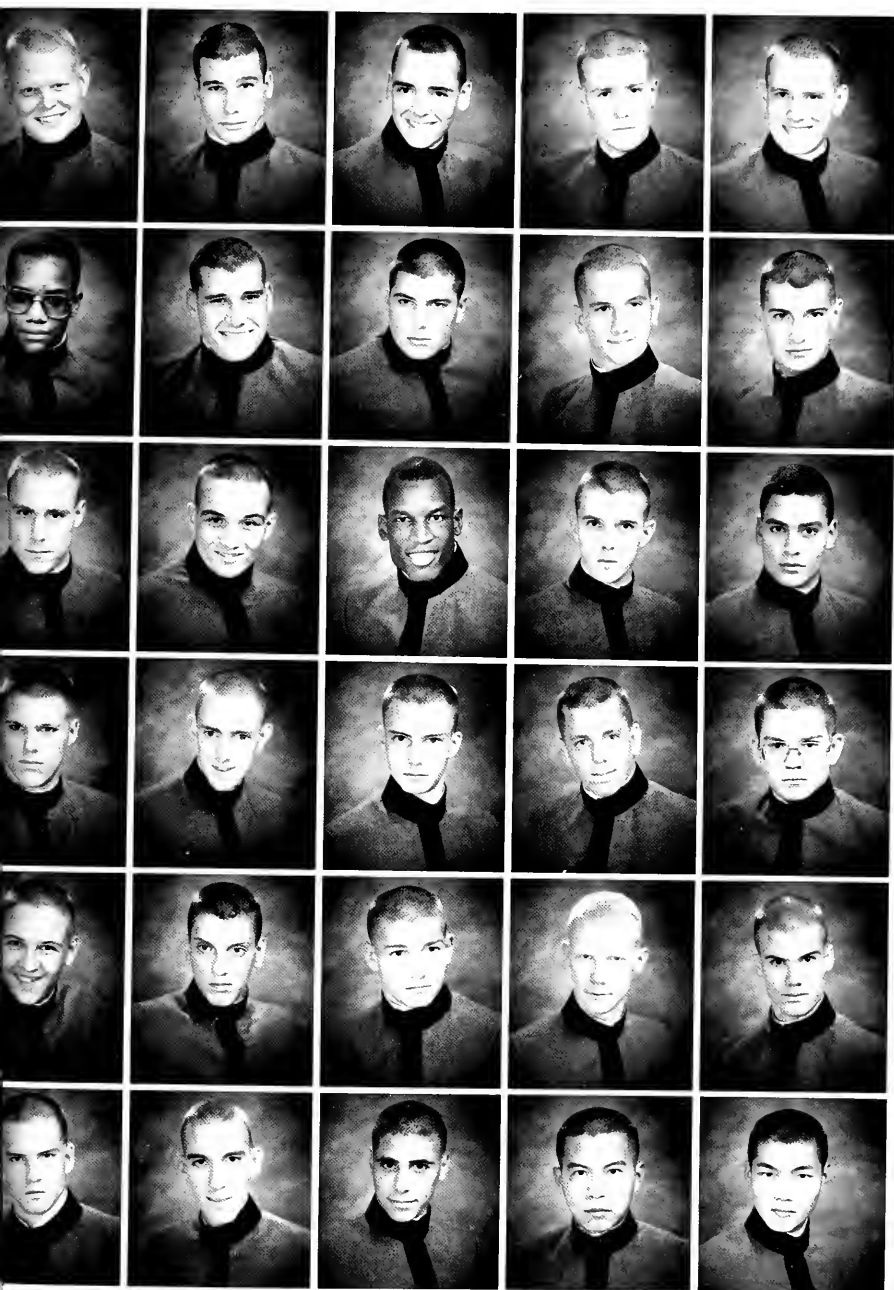


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We quickly learned that as Rats we were in the limelight of the Corps.



Personal attention at SRC was always a good way to end another VMI

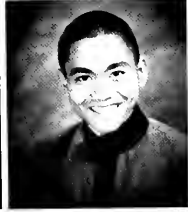
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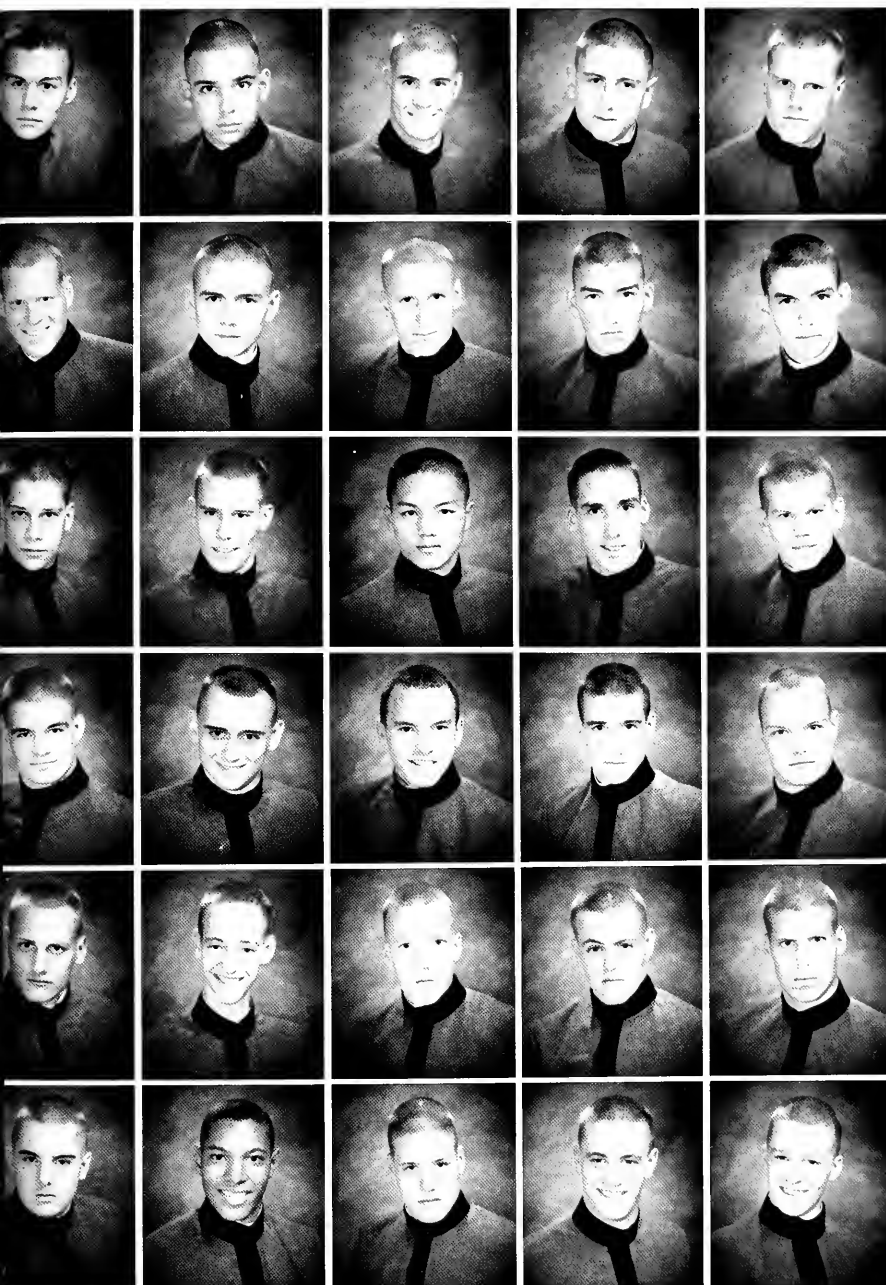


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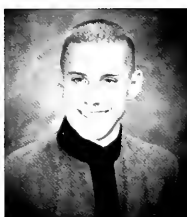
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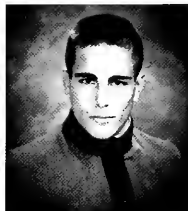
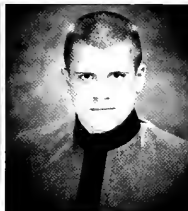
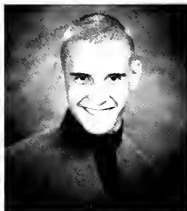
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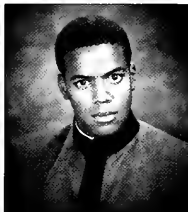
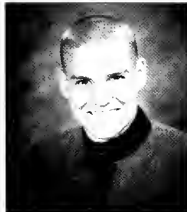
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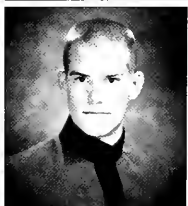
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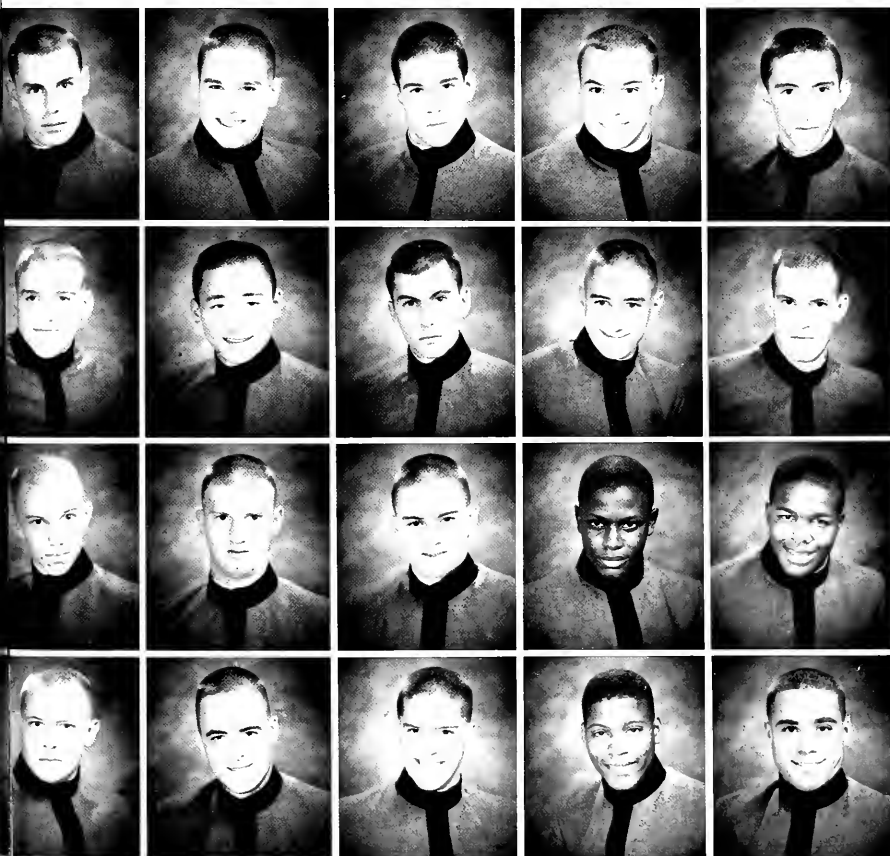




our presence felt; Scott Coucil surges through an open hole paving  
for the Keydets victory over Wofford on Parents Weekend.



The ravine problem was one of the many obstacles helping to build  
confidence and unity during Rat Training.



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Perry Turner, amazed at an upperclassman's next request during a stoop run, prepares to crank out more sit-ups.

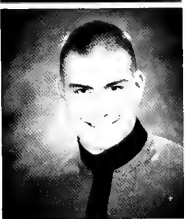
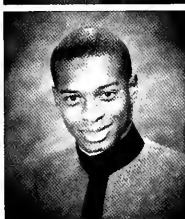


"Pass In Review" were words we all came to know and love at the w Retreat Parades.

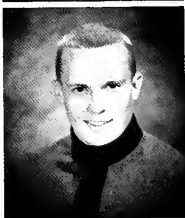
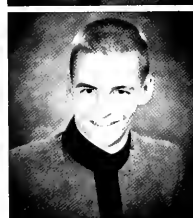
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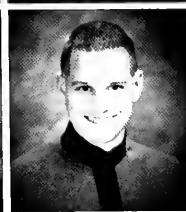
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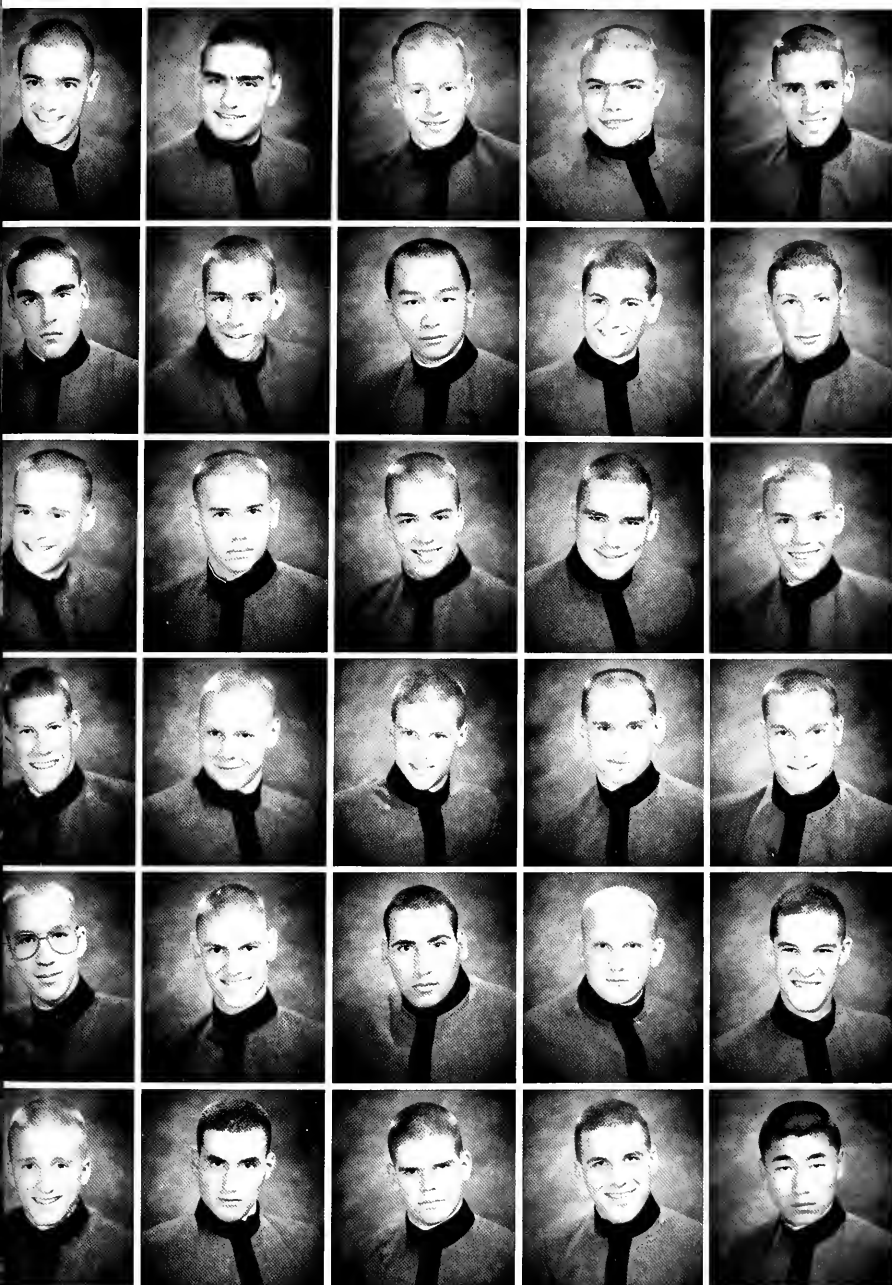


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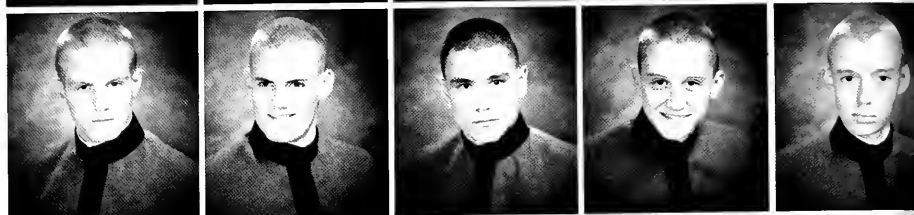
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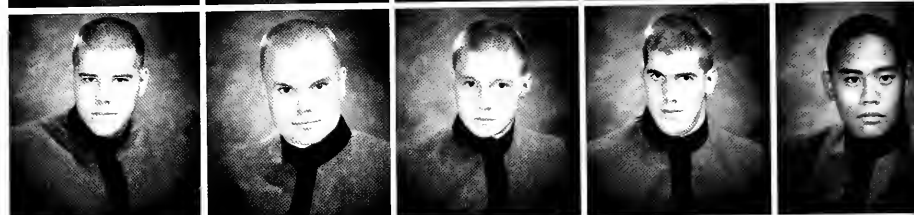
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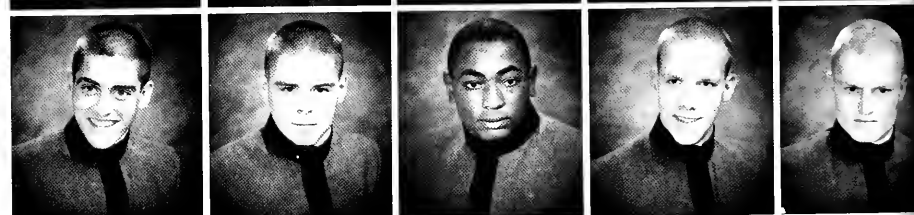
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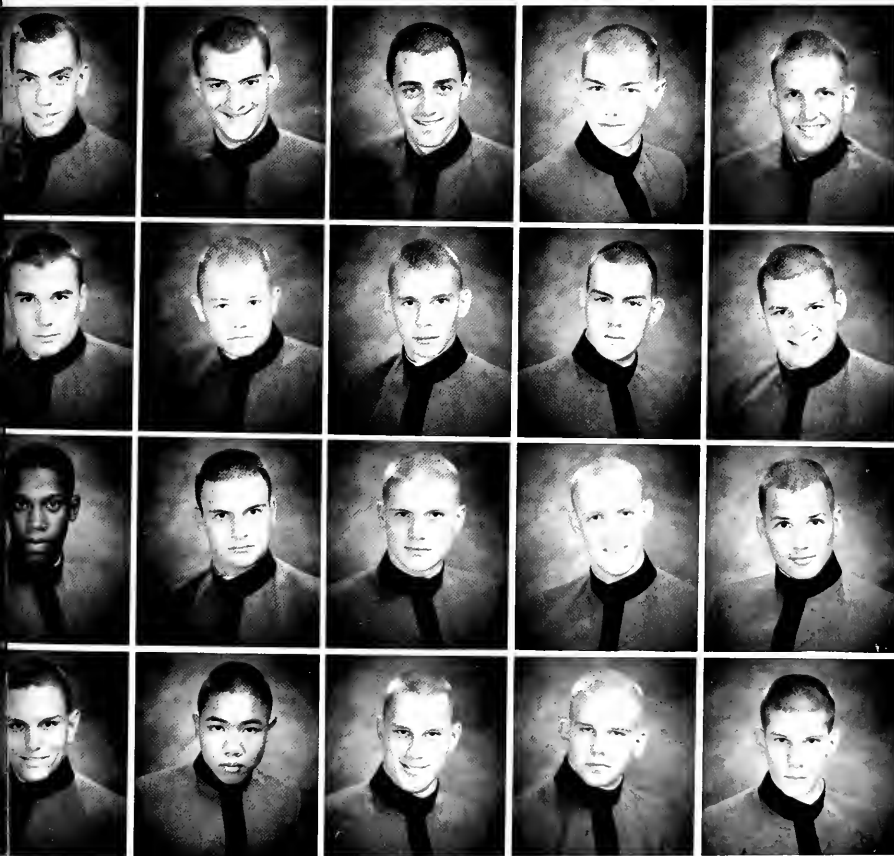
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of the most important skills gained into us during Cadre was the  
ance of time management and room cleanliness.

Diligent in helping us reach our goals as Rats, Upperclassmen were more  
than eager to quiz us and discover the range of our Rat Knowledge.



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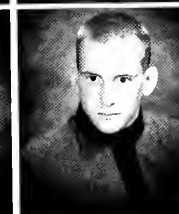
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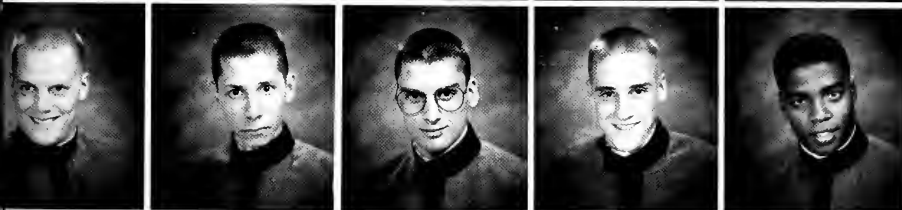
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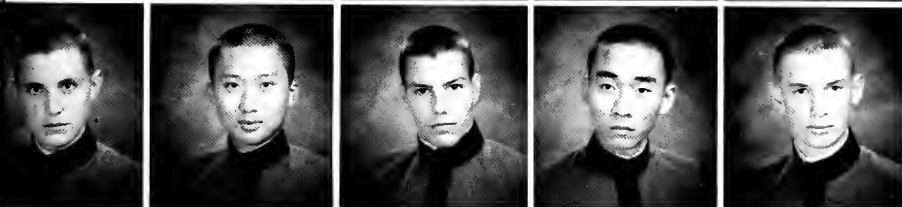
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## Organizations

There are several ways to gain information about an institute of higher education. One way in particular is to look at the organizations. To look at the organizations at VMI is to see a diversified offering ranging from engineering societies to various religious groups. Virginia Military Institute shows growth academically, militarily and socially. Take a look at what the Institute has to offer.





# Civil War Round Table



Deep in the woods, knee deep in muck, the men have spotted the enemy. Aim and fire!



"Where is my companion in arms? I thought this was reenactment."

Although the Civil War is over, memories never die. Especially with groups like The Civil War Round Table. In most cases, groups of this nature are only discussionary. Yet as usual, The Civil War Round Table at VMI carries events dealing with the Civil War a little further. The reenactment of battles such as Ball's Bluff, Manassas, and Sharpsburg are not isolated events. The activities have grown in part because of the 125th anniversary of the Civil War years.

The dedication of The Civil War Round Table of VMI will be put to the test in 1989, the year of our sesquicentennial, at the reenactment of the Battle of New Market. It will be a difficult but rewarding task for the cadets too portray VMI cadets as they were during the Battle of New Market because of the intricate details necessary to recreate the school uniform, a line uniform or clothes that the cadets back at the battle wore from home. A task that the Civil War Round Table is certainly looking forward to.

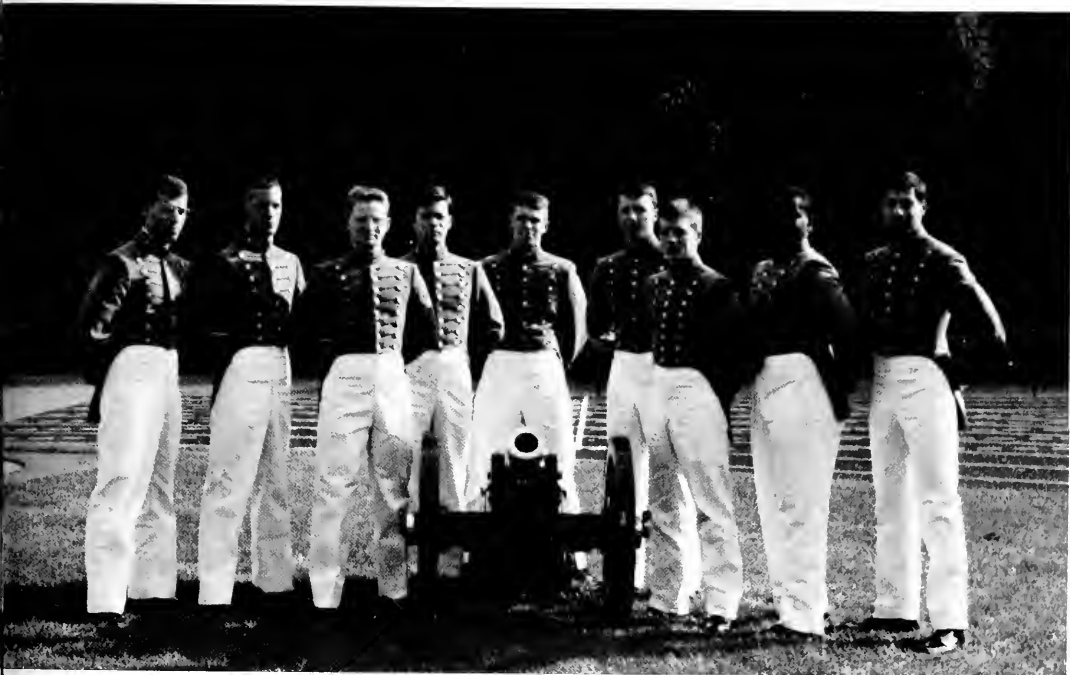
The group currently consists of about twenty members who are led by first classmen Marc Littlecott. We expect big things from these men portraying the cadets of old that make up so much of our history today.



Steve Fitton shows how Cadets during the war fed themselves. Beats Cadets eating now.

The Cadets of The Civil War Round Table.



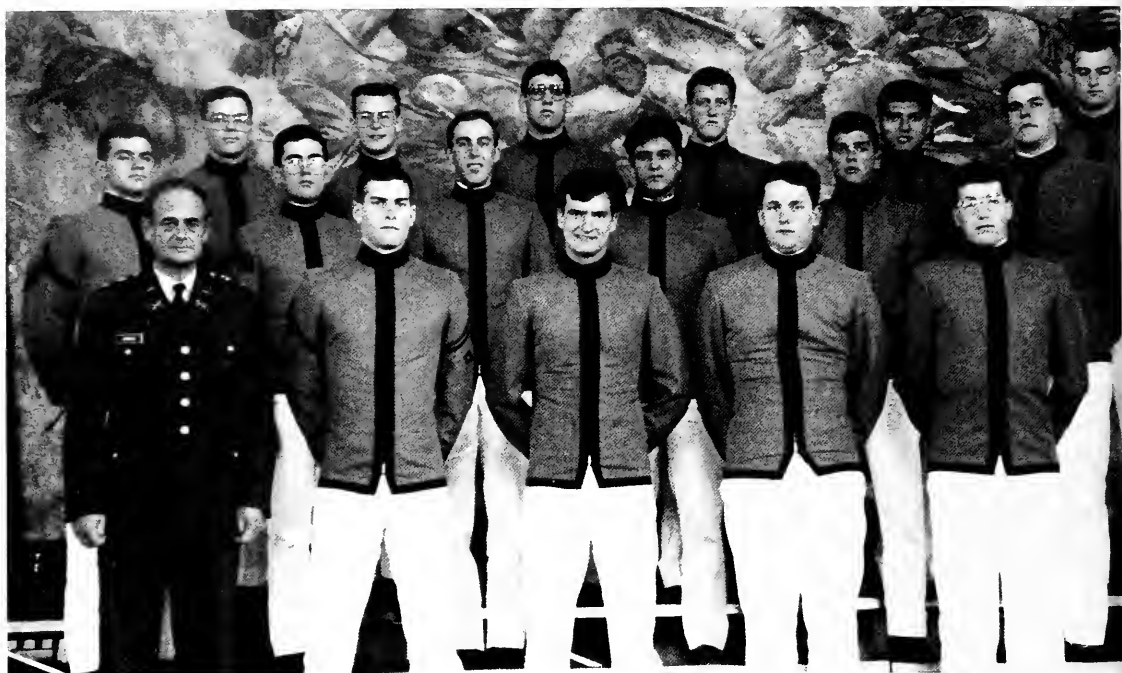


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 fire. It takes willingness and dedication  
 on the men of the Cadet Battery's part  
 to subject themselves to the  
 maintenance and cleaning, the carrying  
 and lifting, and the timing necessary to  
 carry on the traditions of VMI and its  
 weaponry.

# The Cadet Battery



The men behind the firing and maintenance of the evening guns and Little John II, The Cadet Battery.  
 (above) The cadets responsible for the management of the Cadet Battery. (above right) The Battery in action during Friday Evening Retreat Parade. (right) A tribute to past heritage.

Characterized by their resounding presence, the Virginia Military Institute Cadet Battery plays an integral role in keeping the VMI parades running smoothly and firing the evening gun. The Battery gives cadets a chance to become involved with high power weaponry and to learn the proper techniques in repairing and cleaning. In firing the weapons for major parades, few people know the skill and timing re-

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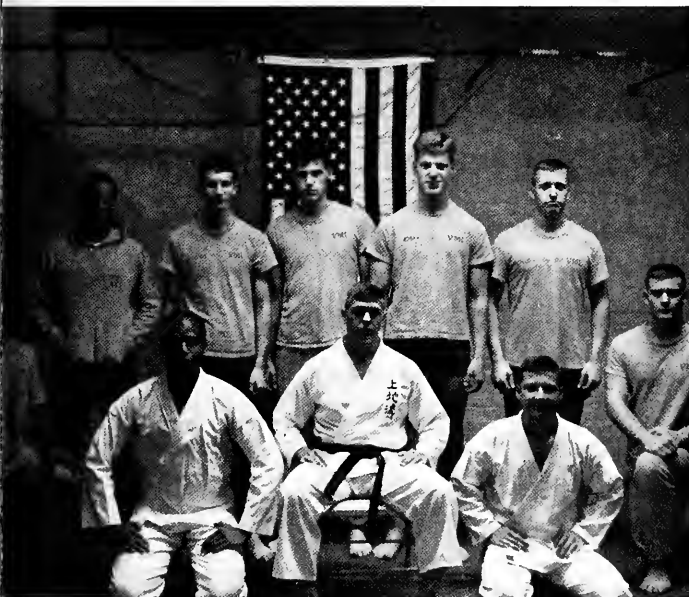
# The Cadet Battery



## The Promaji Club

The Virginia Military Institute's Promaji Club was founded in 1972 by the first group of black cadets to matriculate in 1968. There was a great deal of social movement at that time and the black cadets felt they needed an organization that would help the rest of the Corps to better understand the differences and similarities between the men of the "I." From that idea, the Promaji club was founded. Promaji, meaning "togetherness" in Swahili, also opens a clear channel of communication between black cadets, the administration and the Lexington Community.

This year, the Promaji club has undertaken several new programs to aid the community and VMI. One of those programs is the tutoring of youth at the Rockbridge Boy's Club. Several days a week, a representative of the Club gives his time to aid youngsters in all areas of education. Also, the group is planning to enter the Big Brothers program where a cadet befriends a youngster and uses his experiences to lead the youth on the right track. These and other endeavors have made the club a worthwhile organization.



## The Karate Club

Virginia Military Institute is devoted to the training of young men to become citizen-soldiers. The means to achieve this goal lies in a combination of academics, military training and physical conditioning. One organization that pays particular attention to the development of physical conditioning is the Karate Club.

The Karate Club gathers the members of the Corps who have had experience in the martial arts. Also members of the Corps who are interested in learning some of the techniques are most welcome. The club does compete against other clubs located in this region.



Chip McWilliams

Sal Bora

Brian Burchette

SGM McMichael

Thomas Talley

Greg Hurst

Bill McClary

Capt. Simpson

(bottom row) Paul Tallat-Kelspa

Scott Spellmeyer

Pete Brindley

Chris Larlee

The Ranger Platoon consists of men who enjoy military skills and weapons to the utmost. Led by trained officers and non-commissioned officers, the men of the Ranger Platoon are acquainted with the weaponry and tactical skills involved in warfare. This year the Ranger Platoon participated in the Ranger Challenge event at Fort A.P. Hill. This VMI team placed fifth out of thirty teams from all over the east coast. The team competed in six events. The events were marksmanship where a common target was set up a certain distance away where the competitors were judged on accuracy. The next event was the rope bridge where a rope was connected between two trees. The competitors were timed for score.

A classic shot of Thomas Talley, our hero.



The other events were the 10K ruck run, the Army Physical Fitness Test, the weapons assembly test. Finally, most challenging of the events was Grenade Assault Course. Each competitor was to make his or her way through an obstacle course. While traversing course, competitors were forced to jump in fox holes and lob grenades at certain targets accurately. All of this was done as quickly and efficiently as possible.

The Ranger Challenge was met by men of the Ranger Platoon and handled in the manner everyone expects cadets to handle situations. They handled it efficiently, effectively, and successfully. Congratulations Ranger Platoon!

Ranger

Platoon



The College Republicans have been very active this election year. The main emphasis of the club has been based on its members becoming more involved in the workings of the Republican Party. The club followed the election process and familiarized itself with the political aspects involved with our political system. Several organizational meetings were called to plan activities accordingly.

For our political system to continue, it is important that people become aware of how the system operates. It is this idea that prompts the College Republicans to continue their growth in the policies and concepts of our political system.

The International Club was founded in 1911. Since then, the club has lived up to its purpose of helping the Institutes's foreign cadets adjust and understand the life and purpose of Virginia Military Institute. The club is made up of cadets from many nations and backgrounds ranging from the Republic of China to as close as the Philippines. For some of the cadets, this is their first experience at the Institute.

There are several answers to the problems foreign cadets face. A few of the answers come from cadets who have already made the transition. By taking the time to explain and show foreign cadets how the system works, answers otherwise unobtainable are found.

The club also sponsors cultural events and gets together to take some of the bite out of being in a completely new atmosphere. All in all, the Virginia Military Institute's International Club develops the interests of American society and combines them with the already existing social ideals of other countries. This service organization is devoted to the needs and concerns of those foreign students who have traveled this far to become a part of the Institute.



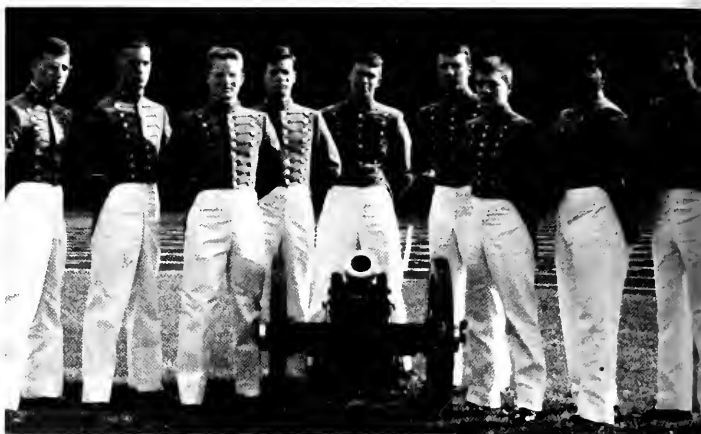
The College Republicans

... and The International Club

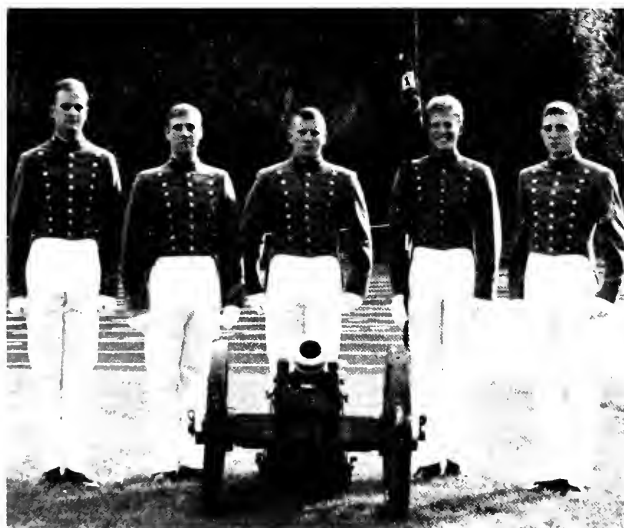


# The Cadet Battery

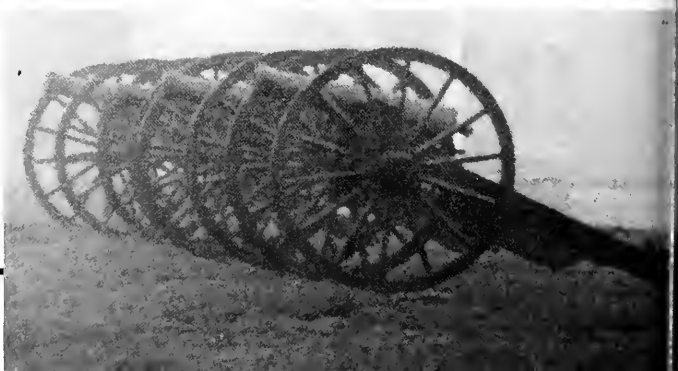
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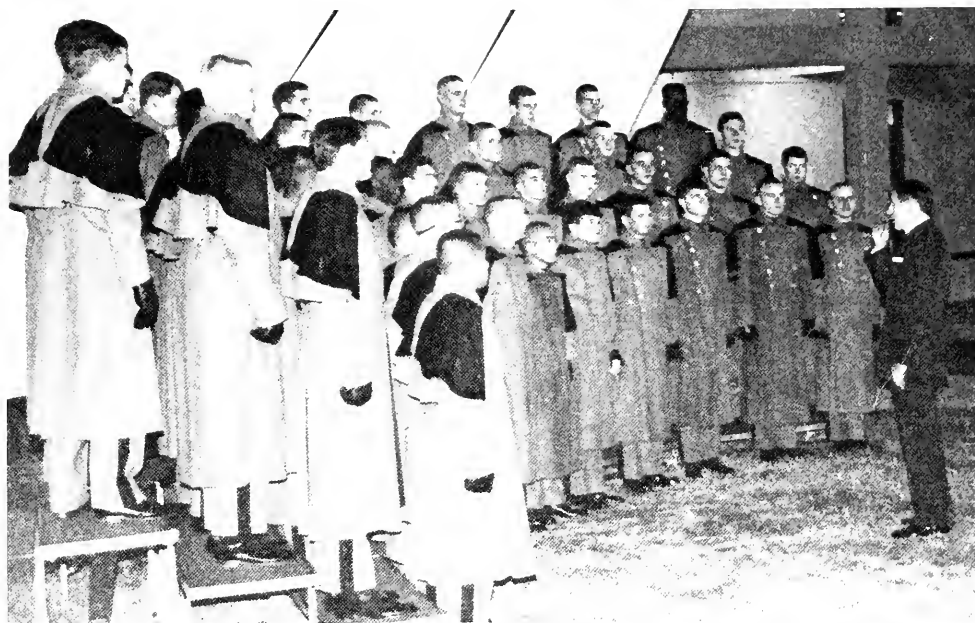
The men behind the firing and maintenance of the evening guns and Little John II, the Cadet Battery.



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(above) The Glee Club's Christmas concert in the Old Court Yard. (right) A close up of a few members. (below) Capt. Hickox takes the stand.



The Virginia Military Institute Glee Club is on the rise. If the clocks could be wound back just one year, the most notable change would be the size. The Glee Club has at least doubled in the last year, mostly due to the efforts of one man, Capt. Hickox. With his musical talent and his know how, Capt. Hickox has led the Glee Club to perform at a level unheard of in recent history. Their popularity has grown because of their professionalism and the clear, concise lyrics that can only be called music. In the future, expect to be pleasantly surprised by the new and innovative sounds of the VMI Glee Club.





# The Number One Club Line Up

Every year there are certain cadets who, through no fault of their own, are elected to join one of the most infamous clubs in VMI history. The benefits derived from joining are numerous and quite simple. You lend all your time marching, (parents love to see their children looking military) and waiting for certain nice tactical officers to run early sticks. All things considered, there is nothing like joining the NUMBER ONE CLUB!

George Armbuster  
Alias: Mutt

Crime: Telling the regimental commander to get the Marshall Award after a faculty attempt at marching.

Words to the wise: God bless Semper Anus  
ID code: Rebel 01

Brett Carter  
Alias: Suds McKenzie

Crime: Failure to invite an uncertified OG to a keg party in a rat's room

Words to the wise: Don't drink in barracks when someone only has power while within the walls of the Institute like El Geeko (Hiram Morales).

ID code: Jan311987NO.1

Micheal W. Harding  
Alias: Pepe Lopez

Crime: Failure to invite the famous Spanish conqueror El Sid (Hiram Morales) to a keg party in a rat's room.

Words to the Wise: Never trust an uncertified OG.  
ID code 7MOS130PTS

Robert Gates  
Alias: Bobby B. Uptown

Crime: Absent off post unauthorized for the OCMNI, while on confinement, during exams. In other words, failure to have unauthorized rat in hay during bedcheck. ("But I thought the stick had Run!")

Words to the wise: Parolled in 15 days. Thanks John Wright for the good deal.  
ID code: 1989OLDCORPSOCMNI.

Miller s: Young William	while wearing normal human clothes outside of barracks.	barracks! ID code: 15-4-60-ICECOLD BUSH
ne: Beer residue in cup. (third class )	Words to the wise: Don't forget your running shoes for a night on the town. ID code: 15-4-60	Gerry Ernst Alias: Lennon, Lennon! . . . Ralph!
ds to the wise: If you are going to be duct problem, then learn to develop d habit early in your cadetship. ode: THIRDSEATSH*T	Mezzaca M.D. Alias: Gene N. Tonic	Crime: Inability to hold one's liquor and wine while Maj. Lindsay was cruising the stoops. Exact Wording: Drunk in Bed.
mer Reeves s: Musical Drunk	Crime: The heinous and grievous sin, the contemptible and disgusting act, of driv- ing a car while only 20 years and a mere junior in college.	Words to the wise: B52's and Bordeaux don't mix. ID code: 1989B5215460
ne: Drunk and disorderly in ladies n of Cocke Hall at final hops 15 May, 7. Discovered by Mrs. Hammond af- relieving myself and giving her a e than adequate drum solo. DIS- SED 16 MAY 1987	Words to the wise: Know when to say when; enjoy the beverage of moderation. ID code: 1989J.P.Johnson4Q	Gary Sibayan Alias: Someone got stupid and had to learn the hard way.
ds to the wise: Easy does it. ode: DRUNK	R. Thomas Jernigan, Jr. Alias: The Bomb	Words to the wise: If you strike a fellow cadet, get him good! ID code: 1-2MANYPUNCHES
than Paul s: J. "Flash" P.	Crime: Quenching one's thirst with na- ture's finest products (i.e. hops, barley, yeast and water) in front of barracks un- der direct supervision from Major Hanly.	Allan Stoneman Alias: King Confinement
ne: Running from Capt. Suthard	Words to the wise: Don't drink in front of	Crime: Failure to escape from the Mary Baldwin Cattle Ranch (Moool!) before
0700 on a Sunday morning while run- ning s--t.	Words to the wise: 1. Should have used a bigger stick. 2. When planning a slumber party in Radford, don't forget to set the alarm. ID code: 1989IHTFP15460	
Words to the wise: Don't forget about daylight savings time and make sure that whoever you are with is intelligent enough to know what daylight savings time is. ID code: 15-4-60	Ko John Gheen Alias: I-M-Screwed	
Jon Jacobs, President of the Number One Club Alias: Ho Lee Fook	Crime: Too many to mention, but all were a result of overconsumption of the tasty and delectable crime nectar.	
1. As an impressionable rodent, attempt- ed a coup d'etat of the William and Mary cheerleading squad, confiscated their spirit banner, and participated in pugil stick exercises with the leader of said squad using said banner. (i.e. conduct unbecoming a cadet — attacking a ci- vilian in public). 2. As a result of a punc- tual twig, many lagers were imbibed which led to the inexpedient return from an after TAPS rendezvous with member of opposite sex while held in captivity.	Words to the wise: Drink it before I do. ID code: 1989BEASTBEATEROO69	
	So here we have the club's elite mem- bership. What can be said about men with such upstanding qualities and moral character. Nothing, nothing at all.	

## Class of 1989

## Other Organizations .

The following organizations and clubs are as much a part of VMI as those previously pictured. Yet due to the lack of space, pictures were not able to be used. Congratulations to the clubs and their leaders for continuing the traditions of Virginia Military Institute.

The American Chemical Society is concerned with the progression of scientific and social studies in chemistry. For the year 1988-89, the CIC was Nowlin, Gary and the faculty advisor was Ltc. Pharr.

The American Society of Civil Engineers was headed by Lawrence, Coleman with Ltc. Page as faculty advisor. The Society provides up to date information concerning the changing roles of engineers in the working world. Cadet Valenzuela, Paul headed the Arnold Air Society with Capt. Kiester as faculty advisor. The Arnold Air Society organizes trips and introduces cadets to the vast world of aeronautics.

The Cadet Newspaper plays a vital part in the everyday functioning of the Institute. Released weekly, the Cadet expresses the views and problems of the Corps and reviews the interests. Features such as Beef and Letters to the Editor provide humor and true insight. The Cadet is headed by Royer, Dave and advised by Cmdr. Turner.

The Cadet Investment Group is advised by Ltc. Smith and headed by Yarbrough, Steve. This club's main concern is to study how investments and stocks work and to learn how to make good judgments.

The Cadet Program Board is in charge of setting up social events for the Corps. The Board is responsible for Zolloman's. The CIC is Boyum, Kevin and the faculty advisor is 2Lt. Goerner.

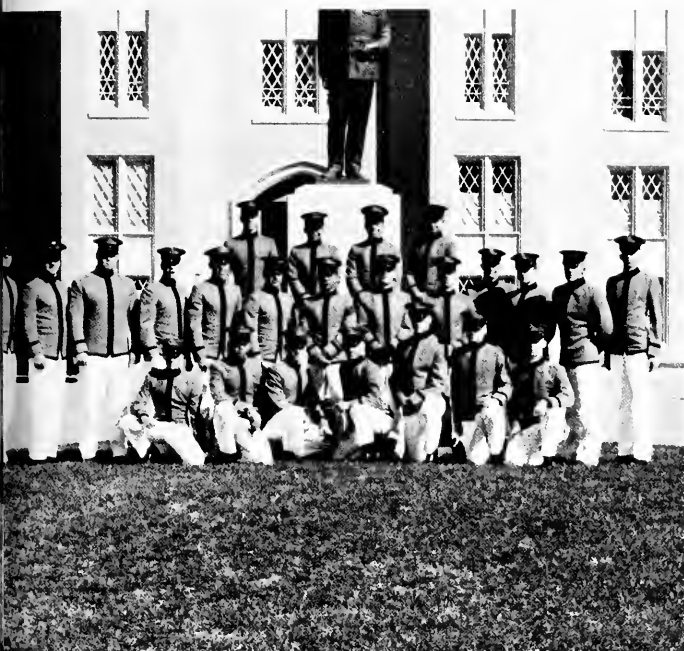


The Civil War Round Table takes a much needed break from the stress of the task.

The Dive team of 1988-89.



f VMI.



The Cadet Battery. (below) the AUSA.



The Circle K Club headed by McAlister, Kevin and Col. Gaines as faculty advisor. A community service organization that provides essential services for the Institute.

The Commanders headed by Peltier, Mark and advised by Capt Brodie are a small group of musicians that play at certain social functions.

The Fencing Club's title speaks for itself. The CIC is Williams, T.J. and the faculty advisor is Lt. Magee.

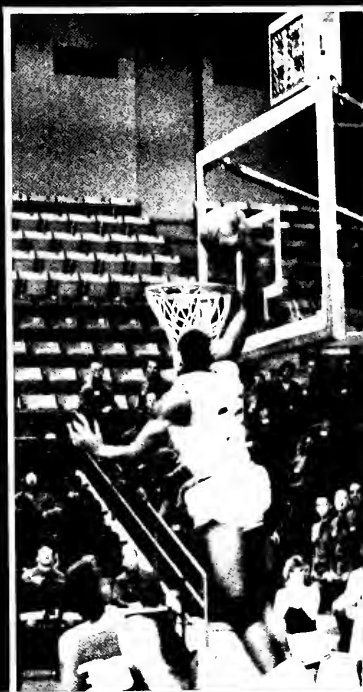
The VMI Firefighters are all experienced firefighters prepared, if called, to respond as only men of their skill can. This group of men is headed by Golden, J.C.

The Hop and Floor Committee is responsible for the preparations preceding Hops. The CIC in charge is Catalino, P. R. and the faculty advisor is Maj. Duggan.

The International Club is a recent inductee to the growing lists of organizations. The club's responsibility is to aid in the integration of foreign Cadets into the VMI system. They also provide cultural events to broaden the knowledge of other Cadets. This worthwhile organization is headed by Tarn, Y. and the advisor is Capt. Wilcockson.

The Marathon Club competes in grueling races up and down the East Coast. This group is headed by Anderson, S.G. and advised by SSG. Kurtz.

The VMI theatre is responsible for the production of several plays and performances yearly. Headed by Mrs. Joellen Bland, Cadets of all backgrounds come together with limited time to produce full length productions. The president of the Theatre is Woodford, Brian and the faculty advisor is Col. Harris.





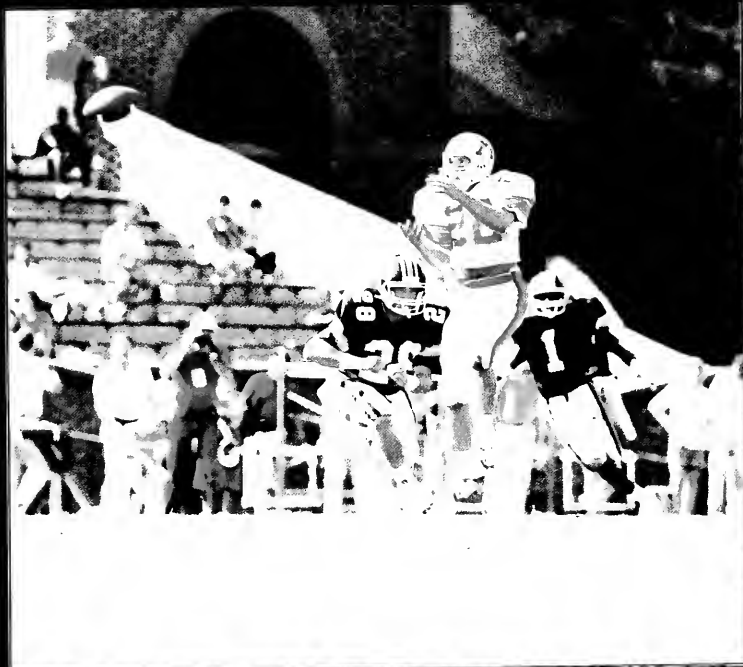
## Never Say Die

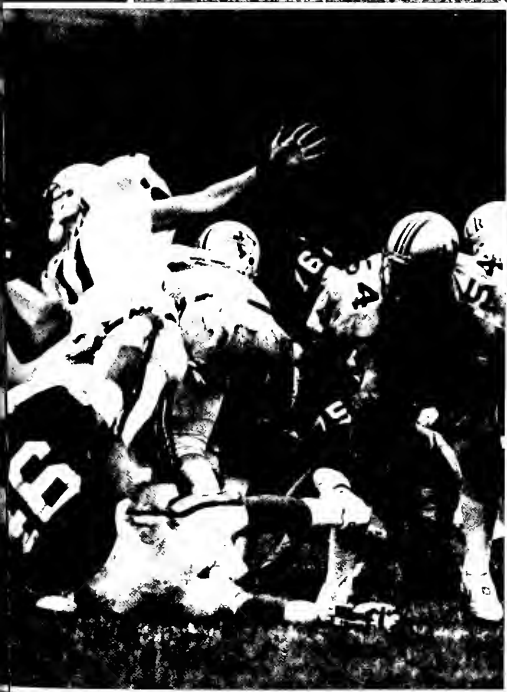
The spirit of VMI. It is a phrase that stirs an emotional reaction from every cadet, alumnus or friend of the Institute. The school's athletic teams are in a large part responsible for this emotion. Keydet teams have a long and colorful history in all sports, and throughout the past, VMI teams have been known for their "never say die" attitude. VMI is a school 1300 men and competes against schools that are much larger in size. Thus, VMI is routinely facing long odds in athletic contests, yet VMI not only manages to hold its own, but in recent times has somehow been successful against much larger opponents. VMI football captured two Southern Conference championships in the 1970s, as did the basketball team while en route to the NCAA regionals.

The past few years have not been quite so successful, but VMI has still performed well. The football team is still rebuilding, as the basketball program continues to grow as well, but both have also seen major victories. VMI track teams are always near the top of the conference, the baseball team has had several excellent seasons and the lacrosse team has come on strong and has a chance of being nationally ranked. These feats are quite an accomplishment for a school the size of VMI. The athletic program while not overly successful, is a major part of the whole at VMI.



# THE YEAR





## In Sports

# WAR ON THE GRIDIRON

## FOOTBALL

### THE SEASON

It was a disappointing season for the VMI Keydets in 1988. Although there were some individual stand-outs, the team had a difficult time functioning as a whole. Seldom was there a time this year when the team was able to execute for the whole game. The Big Red Team tended to lose some steam in the latter part of most of the games, thus making the crucial mistakes that kept victory out of their hand.



### OPPONENT AND RECORD

Sept. 3 at East Tennessee State L 10-26  
Sept. 10 at William and Mary L 7-30  
Sept. 17 University of Richmond L 13-14  
Sept. 24 Marshall University L 20-24  
Oct. 1 at Furman University L 13-31  
Oct. 8 Appalachian State L 20-34  
Oct. 15 Open  
Oct. 22 James Madison University L 0-34  
Oct. 29 Wofford University W 18-17  
Nov. 5 at Georgia Tech L 7-34  
Nov. 12 Citadel at Norfolk L 14-34  
Nov. 19 West. Carolina W 24-20



# GAME 1

## EAST TENNESSEE STATE

The Keydets opened up the 1988 season in Johnson City, facing the Buccaneers of ETSU. The Keydets were in a tough position from the outset because the Bucs had a new head coach, and being that this was the first game of the season, they really did not know what to expect. In addition the Keydets received injuries to key players before the end of the first half. Despite all of this adversity, the ETSU offense had some impressive drives against the defense of ETSU. Yet failure to capitalize on good field position or a turnover prevented the Keydet offense from scoring more points. The offense was within the ETSU 20 yard line three times, but could not punch the ball into the endzone. Even though victory eluded the Keydets, several players had good days stat-wise. Mark Stock caught nine passes for 144 yards. Quarterback Dave Brown threw for his sixteenth career touchdown pass.



# GAME 2

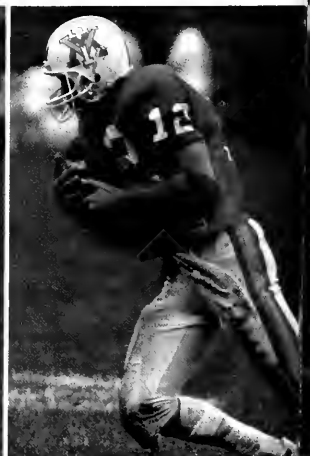
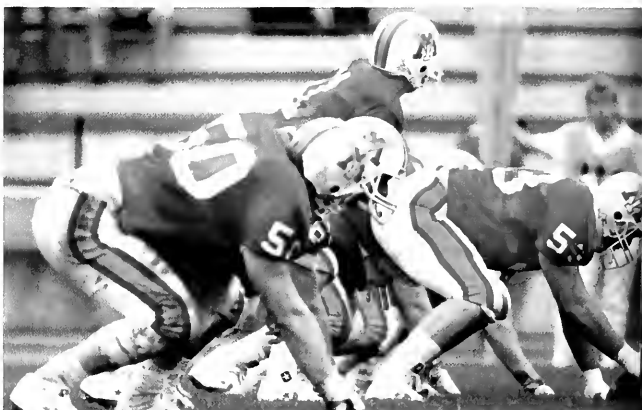
## WILLIAM AND MARY

The 66th meeting between the VMI Keydets and the Tribe from William and Mary was held in Williamsburg Va. The tribe played tough on their home turf, scoring 17 points in the first half, to the Keydets 7. It was a tough day for the Big Red Team as they could not as a whole seem to execute their assignments. However, individual stats were once again impressive for individual players. Starting defensive tackle Lionel Taylor had 9 solo tackles and 3 assists. Runningback Al Carter rushed 10 times for 31 yards, and caught 3 passes for 23 yards. Wide receiver Mark Stock continued to pile up all-purpose yardage with 5 catches for 66 yards and 1 touchdown.

# Game 3

UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND

The Keydets opened the 1988 home season against the Spiders of the University of Richmond. This was the 71st time that the teams had squared off against each other, VMI leading the rivalry 38-27-5. The Spiders came looking for an easy victory, hoping to repeat their 40-7 thrashing of the Keydets the last time these two teams met. They were to be disappointed. It was a hard fought game by both teams. VMI had the lead 13-7 in the fourth quarter on a Dave Brown touchdown pass, and a Wade Hawkins 46 yard field goal. The Spiders came charging down the field with a 71 yard touchdown drive late in the fourth quarter to take the lead 14-13. U of R would go on to hold off the Keydets' last second field goal attempt for the victory. Quarterback Dave Brown continued his record breaking season with 14 completions out of 23 attempts for 257 yards. Mark Stock had six catches for 129 yards. The VMI defense had its most impressive outing of the year, limiting the Spider offense to just 243 yards. Team co-captain Anthony MacIntosh recorded nine tackles from the safety position. Linebacker Kevin Washington led the team with 11 tackles.

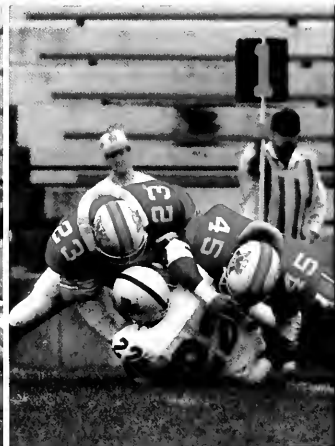
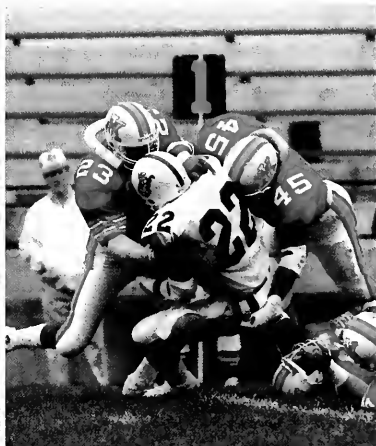




# GAME 4

## MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

The Keydets came up short against the #3 ranked Marshall Thundering Herd. By all predictions it should have been a blow-out, but the Keydets showed their true mettle. Quarterback Dave Brown threw for 303 yards and a touchdown, breaking three single-game records. Five-year man Mike Wood was credited with 11 solo tackles, 2 assists, and a QB sack. Safety Anthony MacIntosh had 14 tackles. Despite these achievements both defensively and offensively, VMI was not able to put enough points on the board, nor were they able to completely shut down the powerful Marshall running attack. Yet the Keydets did prove that they belonged on the same field with a top-ranked football powerhouse; it was a close game, (24-20), but the ball did not bounce the Keydets' way.





# GAME 5

FURMAN UNIVERSITY

In week five of the season, the Keydets went down to South Carolina to face the #18 ranked Paladins of Furman University. The Keydet defense exploded out of the blocks and scored two touchdowns against the Paladin offense. Outside linebacker Wayne Purcell dived on an errant pitch by the Furman quarterback in the endzone for the first score. Two series later, linebacker Mike Wood stripped the ball from the quarterback and ran 53 yards for the second and final Keydet score. From then on, it was Furman's show. The Paladins went on to score 31 unanswered points, and emerge the victors. The VMI offense never really got started, and had great trouble moving the ball. The defense likewise lost momentum after it's initial push.



# GAME 6

APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Once again the Keydets fell victim to their tendency not to capitalize on good situations. The Mountaineers of Appalachian State had their hands full with a great Keydet effort. VMI lead 13-6 at the beginning of the second half. But the Mountaineers exploded with four touchdowns. The Keydets were plagued with turnovers and penalties, and were unable to stop ASU. As was the case throughout the year, defeat overshadowed the great individual achievements of several Keydets like safty Anthony MacIntosh and Mark Stock. The Keydets dropped their sixth straight game 34-20 to #5 ranked ASU.

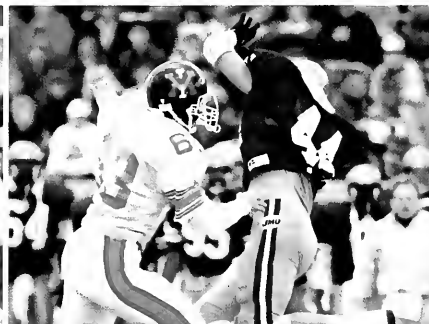




## GAME 7

### JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY

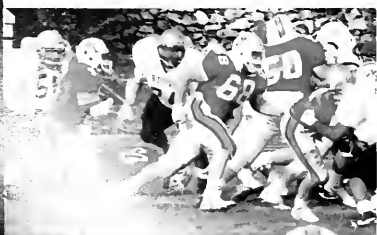
This game was the low point of the season for the VMI Keydets. After having a open week, the team journeyed to Harrisonburg Va. to face the Dukes of JMU. VMI simply did not show up to play. The Keydets only crossed midfield three times the whole game. VMI once reached the JMU 23 yard line where a 43 yard field goal attempt was blocked by the JMU defense. The Keydets went into the locker room at the half trailing 17-0. The Dukes stormed on to the field after the half and scored four more times beating the Keydets 37-0. The JMU defense held the VMI offense to only 147 yards, the lowest output of the season for the Keydets.



# GAME 8

## WOFFORD COLLEGE

After a long dry spell, the rains of victory finally fell upon the Keydets. The scene was perfect for a win. There was a huge crowd at Alumni Field as the families of cadets from all over the country gathered for the annual VMI Parents' Weekend. The Keydets did themselves and their parents proud as they took their first win of the year from the Wofford Terriers. The Keydets staged an exciting come from behind victory in front of 10,000 fans. For the first three quarters, it looked like the Keydets were going to drop another one, especially when Wofford scored with 9:06 left in the fourth quarter. That made the score 17-7 in their favor. On the ensuing kick-off, the Keydet offense drove 68 yards and plowed into the endzone. That left the score 17-15 after a successful two point conversion. Junior defensive end Jeff Barnes took out the 12th man and went down the field with the kick-off coverage team and caused a fumble that changed the emotional tone of the game in VMI's favor. Even though Wade Hawkins missed the following 37 yard field goal attempt, the fired-up Keydet defense pinned the Terrier offense deep in their own territory forcing the punt. The VMI offense started their last drive on their own 42 yard line. The Wofford defense stiffened up and it seemed as if the VMI offense was going to stall, but then sophomore Al Carter broke free with an incredible 31 yard run to get thye Keydets within field goal range. There was a tense moment when Wade Hawkins stepped out on to the field. There was only 1:31 remaining and he had already missed two field goals in the fourth quarter. This time Hawkins came through with a 41 yarder. The stingy Keydet defense secured the victory by crushing the Wofford offense on their last possession.





## GAME 9

### GEORGIA TECH

The Keydets took a road trip down to Atlanta Ga. to meet the "Ramblin' Wreck from Georgia Tech." The Yellowjackets are coached by VMI alumnus Bobby Ross class of 1959, and although his team was struggling, this giant school was a force to be reckoned with. Once again, the turnover monster sank it's teeth into VMI's game plan. The Keydets lost three fumbles and two interceptions to the hard hitting Yellowjacket defense. Other than the turnovers, however, the Keydets performed well against the highly faavored and physically stronger Georgia Tech team. VMI had 198 yards passing against the #5 rated pass defense in the country, Mark Stock getting 101 of those yards. The Yellowjackets were able to capitalize on Keydet mistakes and took the game 34-7. The lone VMI touchdown came from an incredible catch by Mark Stock.



# GAME 10

## THE CITADEL

Each year, the VMI Corps of Cadets anxiously awaits the annual Corps Trip. It is a time to get away from the rigors of Institute life and the boredom of Lexington to the excitement of the big city. As has been the case for the last few years, the Keydets journeyed to Norfolk Va. to the Old Dominion University. VMI squared off with it's arch-rival the Citadel for the 48th time in what has become known as the "Military Classic of the South." On the line, School pride, and the coveted Silver Shako trophy. VMI has led this series 25-20-2, but this year it was not to be. The Keydets were in a slump, and the Bulldogs were red-hot. Citadel quarterback Gene Brown ran for 286 yards out of the wishbone offense which gained a total of 496 yards. The Citadel scored the first two touchdowns in the first half, but were answered by the Keydet offense with two TD passes from Dave Brown to Mark Stock. The Citadel came out of the locker room and stormed for 17 points on three consecutive possessions. The Keydets could only muster up a touchdown early in the fourth quarter, and the final score was 31-20.





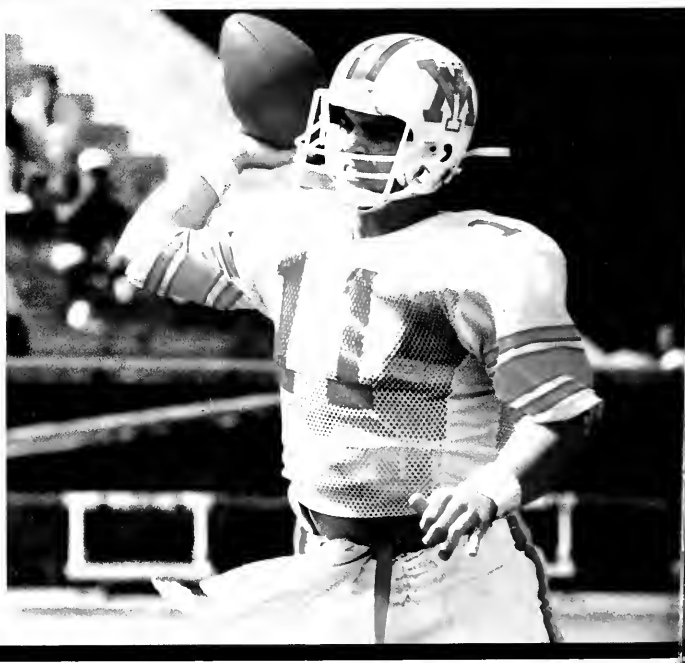
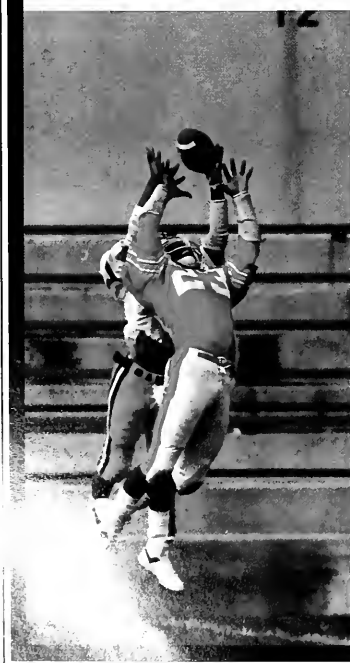
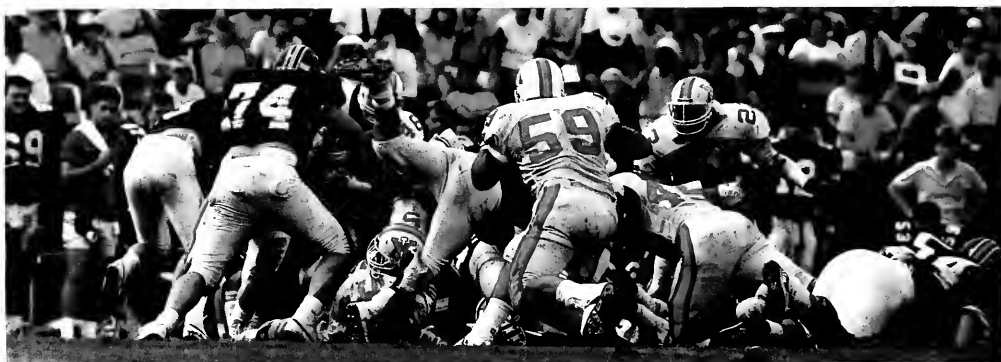
## GAME 11

WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

It is the most special and cherished event in a young man's cadetship. Ring Figure. The event that initiates him into that elite fraternity of VMI men. It is most fitting that the Western Carolina game was the last of the season, and that it was on Ring Figure weekend. It was the culmination of a frustrating year for the Keydets, especially for the seniors who expected better. The team was determined to end on a good note, and indeed they did. VMI beat the Western Carolina Catamounts 24-20 in Alumni Field. For the juniors, the victory was the finishing touch to a perfect weekend; for the seniors, they were able to add a little sugar to a bittersweet season.











# SENIORS

# Rah Virginia Mil!

## Cheerleaders

Once again the VMI cheerleading squad stood behind VMI's football and basketball teams, showing unbridled enthusiasm and the famed VMI spirit. The members of this year's squad included Rob Ondrick, Matt Swartzman, John Butler, John Hunter, Tony "Rockhead" Lonsdale, and Darren Stills as well as the lovely young ladies from Southern Seminary who served as their partners.

To be able to perform their many cheers and intricate stunts, the cheerleaders had to put in many long, hard hours of practice. They worked without much recognition as most members of the corps are unaware of the time it takes to get ready for each game. It would be safe to say that the cheerleaders worked just as hard as the teams they cheered for. As anyone who saw them in action can testify, the hard work definitely paid off, benefitting the teams and the corps as a whole.



Clockwise from top: The cheerleaders perfectly execute another difficult stunt, Rob Ondrick uses his strength to hold a cheerleader aloft, "Rockhead" Lonsdale fires the crowd up.



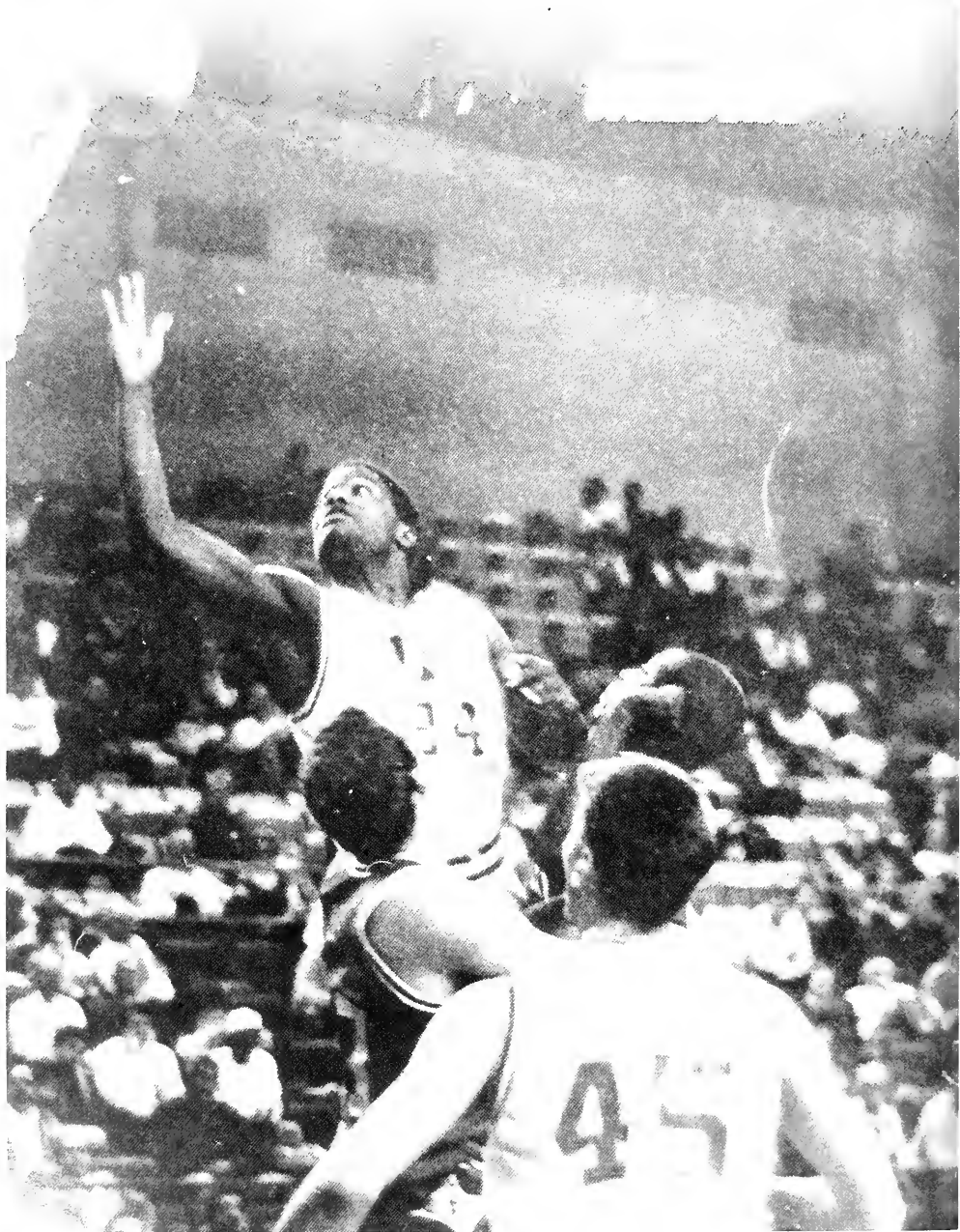


This year's cheerleading squad was hampered by numerous injuries. It seemed as if every member of the squad suffered an injury at one time or another, proving that cheerleading is just as strenuous and dangerous as any other varsity sport. This was a serious setback to the squad as the injuries took away from valuable practice time and sometimes required the training of a new cheerleader to substitute for someone who was injured.

Nevertheless, the squad managed to overcome injuries, defeat, and poor weather and could always be counted on to turn in a strong performance at all football games, basketball games, and pep rallies. With their abundant spirit and energy they assured that "The Corps Roots the Loudest!"

Clockwise from top: The squad in action, a cheerleader gets the crowd going at a basketball game, Cheering for Big Red as the team takes the field.





# BALANCED DEPTH

## Basketball

his third year at VMI, Coach Cantafio faced a relatively young team including only one Senior. This year like was one of total team development, focusing on the needs for strong inside play and fulfillment of the Bobby Gard-ole of team leadership and rebound-omnience.

Each season starts the keydets strong with seven returning let-ten, the loss of sophomore Mike Wil-son would make a team of accelerated experience one of struggling ability. However, remaining confident with discipline and hard work the Keydets would be plagued with a series of hard fought victories and last minute losses would fail to accurately reflect the ability of the 1988-89 team.

One of the themes of "A Team Effort" would carry over to this season, with the need for total balance; not only offensively and defensively but inside and out as well. The need for strong inside play was crucial, and two years of experience would prove responsible for Craft's (6-7 225, Jr.) ability to accurately excel at this position. An average of 21 min/game, 7.6 points and 5.1 rebounds during last years season had adequately prepared him for the responsibility, he would live up to expectations and quality effort on both ends of the

The burden of inside play would also fall on the shoulders of veteran player Lenon (6-5 195, Jr.); who would be expected to assert himself as a scorer-leader. Playing in the #4 position would make him a key to success, with senior Steven Dorsey (6-7 205, Sr.) Contafio had achieved his inside success. With backups and possible transfers Greg Fittz, Bill Dowd, and Thad Myer (6-8 200, Jr.), VMI possessed depth that had been lacking in past

### 1988-89 VMI BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

@James Madison  
SHENANDOAH  
@Tennessee  
EASTERN MENNONITE  
UNC-GREENSBORO  
@N.C. State  
@UNC-Asheville  
@Marshall  
@Western Carolina  
@Tennessee/Chattanooga  
@Virginia Tech  
FURMAN  
CITADEL  
BLUEFIELD COLLEGE  
EAST TENNESSEE STATE  
@Appalachian State  
RICHMOND  
MARSHALL  
WILLIAM & MARY  
@Radford  
TENNESSEE/CHATTANOOGA  
WESTERN CAROLINA  
@Virginia  
@Citadel  
@Furman  
APPALACHIAN STATE  
@East Tennessee State  
SOUTHERN CONFERENCE  
TOURNAMENT/Asheville, North Carolina

The backcourt was built on foundations of the experienced Williams twins. Playing most of last year as offensive threats Ramon and Damon had the flow of team play; ranging from 3 pointers to defensive rebounds. Damon likely to again play in the #3 slot, avg. 36.3 min/game and 16.3 points in 1988. Chosen for first team All Tournament and finishing 7th in conference in scoring last year, he would prove to retain his dominance in scoring and playing time. Ramon too promised to start 1988-89 were he left off at the #2 slot avg. 14.9 points and 38.2 minutes/game. last year leading the team in assists with 69 and steals 43 Ramon was also selected for first team All Conference Tournament. The deadly duo would prove to be the pivot point of VMI's overall play, and with Coach Cantafio's confidence showing in their play, positive results lay ahead. Also a major contributor to the VMI backcourt was highly recruited freshmen Percy Covington who playing as first substitute at point guard would provide depth, impressive offensive assists and strong defensive play. Freshmen Kenny Johnson, Charles Petzold and Marty Chadwick would likewise show potential in their playing time, again an example of team depth.

Unlike other years the Keydets possessed depth in all areas of play. This "depth" combined with experience gave the 1988-89 team confidence in starting off the season. Relying on the scoring of Ramon and Damon Williams, the inside play of Craft, Mings, Dorsey and Fittz, and the ability of freshmen players Coach Cantafio had ultimately achieved his desired balance. Although this was a young team it was experienced; for Coach Cantafio and his team to be successful this experience would have to be evident from the perimeter and especially inside the key.

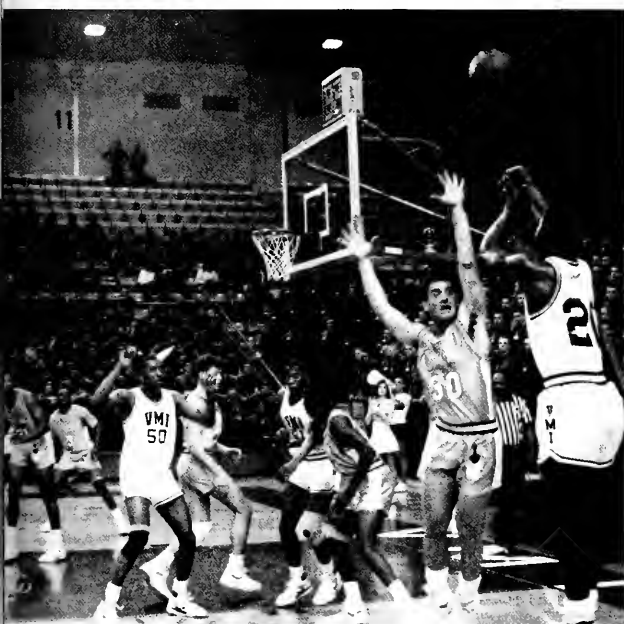


The Keydets started regular season play on Nov. 29 against "Lefty" Driesell and the Dukes of James Madison University. Playing in front of 7,000 spectators at the Convocation Center, VMI came out hesitant but stayed in the first half behind the lead of Ramon and Damon with 11 and 10 points respectively. Also Percy Covington lived up to expectations scoring 7 in the half as well. Coming out for the second period down by 9, the Keydets forced the offensive end of the game and with strong defense took the game down to the wire losing 94-92 unable to convert with 2 seconds remaining. Though it was a loss, the Keydets proved their ability with quality play from Ramon with 25 points, Damon with 22, Mings with 21, and Craft with 15 points and 8 rebounds.

Next for the Keydets was the first home game against the Shenandoah Hornets. With the home crowd behind them, VMI took controll early and never looked back winning 78-58. Inside domination was the key as Mike Williams answered with 10 rebounds and 6 points. Lenon Mings also a key contributor had 13 points and 6 rebounds.







For VMI's 3rd game the Tennessee Volunteers and 17,000 fans at Thompson-Boling Arena anxiously awaited the underdog Keydets and an easy win. However, VMI after being down by 8 at the half would take the game into double overtime. With 3 seconds left in regular play Damon hit a deep 3 pointer to send the game into the first overtime. Then with 2 seconds remaining in that period Ramon made one of two from the foul line to send the game into the second overtime period. Only to lose by 2 points, 84-82, on a controversial tip in at the buzzer. This game again showed the ability and poise of the Keydets early in the season.

The 1-2 Keydets then came to Cameron Hall for 2 home games and 2 victories. Improving their record to 3-2, VMI stomped Eastern Mennonite 96-50 with good play from the entire bench, and followed by impressively defeating UNC-Greensboro 76-55, lead by Damon's 23 points.

Returning early from Christmas break the Keydets went to North Carolina for 2 games. First was #13 ranked N.C. State who took an early lead and though the Keydets fought to get in the game they were downed 105-79. Some bright spots still shined, Ramon had 17 and Damon had 18.



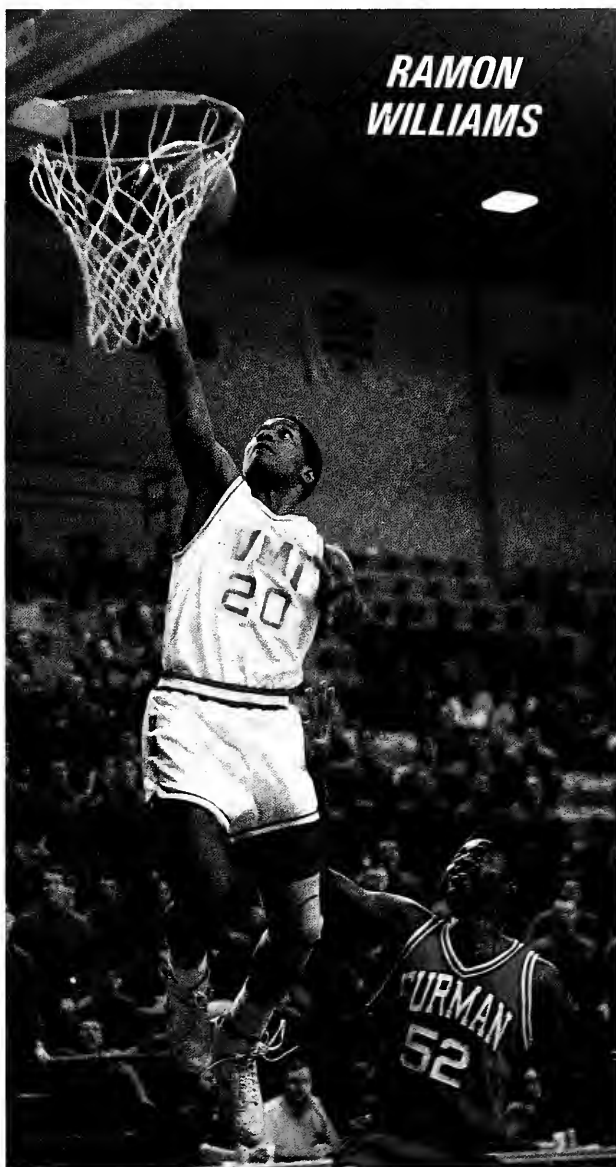
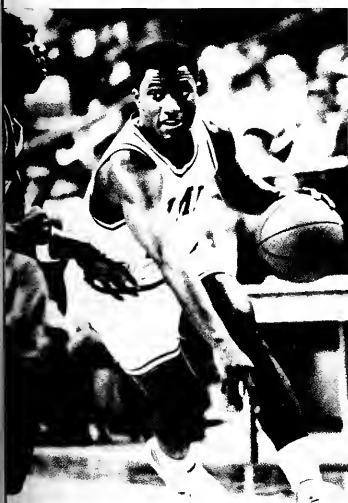


Mings 13 and Craft had 14 points but the Pack talent kept the spread. Next was UNC-Asheville and again hard work and team play were outweighed by turnovers as the Keydets lost a winnable game 74-70, making their record 3-4. The Keydets were still on the road for their first conference game, playing Marshall at the Henderson Center. With the departure of Mike Williams Greg Fitts was called on to secure an inside position, and answered leading VMI scorers in the first half with 8 points. After a one point half time lead the Keydets retained their aggressive play and again took the game to the buzzer this time with positive results winning by 2, 63-61. VMI then traveled to West Carolina University to face the Catamounts, and though they again had positive performances the Keydets came out short, losing another game in the last minutes 77-75. Damon lead scorers with 21 and Fitts asserted himself inside with 8 points and 10 rebounds.



Next was conference member Tennessee/Chattanooga, another road game and another loss. The Keydets played point for point with the Mocs and took their third game into extended play but couldn't muster themselves to a win, losing yet another close game 76-80.

The Roanoke Civic Center was the host of the VMI-Va. Tech rivalry game which lived up to its heritage. Encouraged by some 800 Cadet fans the Keydets got off to a good start with three straight three pointers. From Ramon and went on to dominate the first half, ahead by 15 at intermission. However the Hokies turned the scales in the second half and tied the game with 1:22 left, holding out to take the game into overtime. However, here again with momentum the Hokies proved too much for VMI and went on to win 90-83. Ramon and Mings had their best games of the season with 26 and 24 points respectively, while Craft added 7 points and an impressive 11 rebounds.

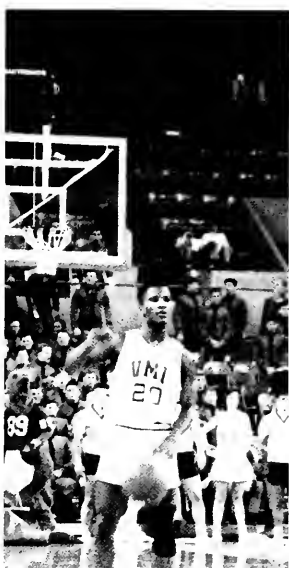




After six consecutive road games the Keydets returned to Cameron Hall facing the Furman Paladins. Losing three straight, two of those in overtime, VMI was deserved of a win; and after three overtime periods they finally got one, defeating Furman 91-82. The twins lead the team with a combined total of 53 points, Damon with 27. Craft alone pulled down 16 rebounds while scoring 15 points. This was a much needed victory making their conference record 2-2. Cameron Hall was the host of the seventy-second VMI-Citadel game, and as always it proved to be an exciting match-up. The twins came out hot and led the team to a 31-28 half time lead. However, the second half was a different story, Citadel held Ramon and Damon to only 11 total points. Mark Craft was the only scoring threat, but he alone could not carry the Keydets to a victory, VMI lost what seemed again a winnable game 73-61.

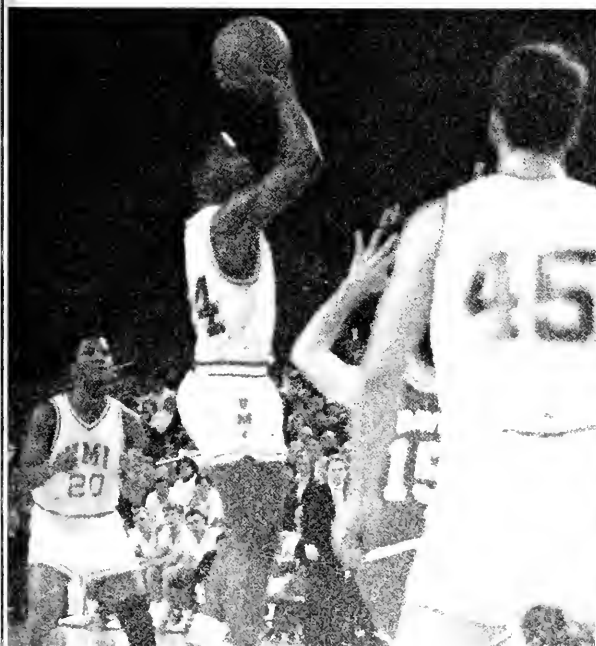
Faced with a 5-8 record, VMI was pushed for a win and playing at home against Bluefield was just what the team needed. Taking controll early the Keydets demonstrated their true ability, crushing the rams 95-75. Freshmen Covington and Johnson played tough and Fitz lead all scorers with 21 points; Craft also added a respectable 20.





Two Conference teams were next in line, unfortunately VMI outplayed in both, walking away with a 2-5 Southern Conference record. First was East Tennessee State who blurred the Keydets with fast paced play and unchallenged height inside, VMI lost 81-91. VMI then matched up against Appalachian State, and despite strong play on the inside from Craft and Fittz the Moutaineers managed to controll the offensive boards and took the win, 76-69.

At this point in the season VMI had achieved an average record of 7-9, not quite living up to the pre-season expectations. Thus far the team had been unable to play consistantly, often losing a large lead and eventually the game in the last few minutes or in overtime. However, with the continual team leadership of Ramon and Damon, and the ever improving confidence of Greg Fittz the team does show promise of finishing the season at a peak going into the Southern Conference Tournament. Hopefully, as in last year, the Keydets will find the right flow of total team play and capitolize on the experience of the upperclassmen carrying them into another top tournament seat.



# Count The Ceiling Tiles

## Wrestling

**W**ith youth and inexperience staring him in the face, fourth year coach John Trudgeon's biggest challenge this season will be to transform green into red, white and yellow.

The pre-season starting line-up finds one senior starter and one junior starter. The rest of the roster is largely filled out between sophomore and freshmen. The Keydets will also have to cope with the graduation losses of Eric Woodhouse, Jay Smaaladen, Cloyd Tavenner and Phil Roberts.

But there are reasons to believe that the Keydets will not labor through a typical rebuilding year. A nationally recognized recruiting class, a successful off-season program, and the possible return of two experienced starters brighten the picture considerably.

The Keydets will enter the season with a team high on potential thanks to a banner recruiting class that was recognized by Amateur Wrestling News as one of the best in the country. The group consists of three Virginia State champs, and five wrestlers who placed in their respective state tournaments last year.

Throughout the weight classes, the Keydets are filled with crafty and aggressive wrestlers. Junior Mike Ober, at 126, has built himself into a very strong competitor in his weight class. He posted a 9-17 record last year and placed third in the Southern Conference Championship. This year Oberman looks again to be a top runner on the Southern Conference as well as providing much needed experience to a comparatively young squad.

Some like one of the strongest weight classes in the lineup come at



Conference/State  
 118-Bob Zoeko-2nd/2nd  
 126-Michael Ober-3rd  
 134-Phil Roberts-4th  
 142-Jay Smaaladen-1st/3rd  
 150 — Eric Woodhouse 1st/3rd  
 158-Brad Johnson-3rd  
 167-Cloyd Tavenner-3rd  
 177-Roy Hill-2nd  
 190 — Erick Ames-2nd/3rd

134 with fourth-classman Steve Pitts. Pitts was the 1988 Va. State Champion at 134 lbs. and the runner-up in 1987. He has good upright technique and has provided the Keydets with many key victories through the early part of the season. Next, at 142, the classmen Joe Levine has also showed potential and marked improvement. Joe's conditioning and skill toning should prove to make him a strong challenger in the Conference.

The middle weight classes are filled with youth and hope for the future. Fourth classmen Billy Waters has proved to be a tough competitor at both the 167 and 177 pound weight classes. Finishing up the line-up are two of the toughest and strongest weight classes on the Keydet squad. At 190 lbs. classmen, Erick Ames finished last season strongly to post an overall 10-11-1 mark. His experience will provide the squad with leadership and stability. Ames placed second in the Southern Conference at 190 lbs. last year and could very well come away as a conference champion this year. After last year's absence, VMI's Third classman Harold Rogers provides the follow-up to the Keydets one two punch. Rogers has experienced tremendous strength gains through hard work and determination. He should strongly compete for a top slot in the conference as well.

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Although young, the team will come out strongly with all of its opponents. The outlook points favorably to an outstanding future for the keydet Wrestling program.

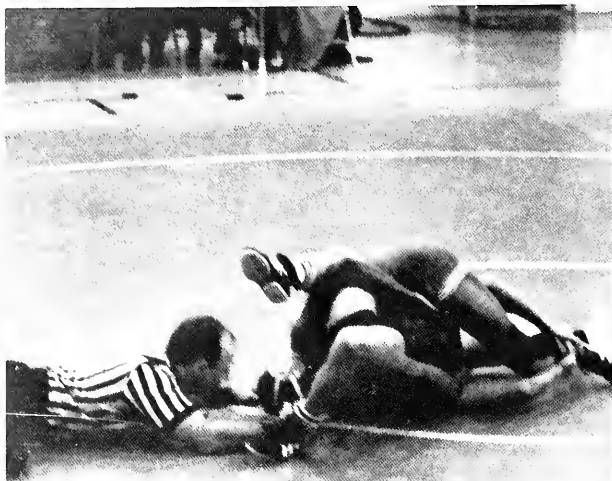


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# A Season of Firsts

## Baseball

The 1988 Spring baseball season was a record breaking one for the VMI baseball team. On their way to a 20-20 season the Keydets set team records for wins, runs scored (273), hits (395), fielding average (.972), and strikeouts (240). VMI had an 11-0 record in the southern conference and won the Appalachian State for its first division since 1969.

The Keydets got off to a slow 6-10 start, but went on to win 10 of their next 15 games to move over the .500 mark and finished off the season by beating the University of Virginia for the first time since 1982. Unfortunately, the team did not fare well in the Southern Conference tournament in Asheville, N.C.. The Keydets dropped their first two games of the double elimination tournament.

Offensively, the Keydets had five regulars go over .300. Team captain Chris Finwood led the way with a .399 average while at shortstop he also lead the team in batting percentages (.973). First Class left-fielder Richard Stone finished second on the team with a .343 average while breaking the lifetime career doubles mark with 39. Other hitting over .300 were outfielders Ron Terrall (.317), Darrin Galleo (.305), and first baseman Tom Slater (.305). Catcher Gary Beasley paced the squad with 43 hits, while second baseman Gary Sibayan played a potent combination of speed and power, leading the team with 12 homers and 20 stolen bases.

Another key aspect of VMI's success was its deepest pitching staff in years. Nine

different pitchers won at least one game during the season. Todd Tilley led the way, pitching 72 innings and posting a 4-3 record. Mike Roczi overcame shoulder problems to finish the season with a 5-6 record. George Armbruster was effective as a reliever and spot starter, leading the team with a 3.60 ERA and fanning 63 batters, the second highest in school history.

In post season honors, new head coach Paul Maini was named Coach-of-the-Year and Finwood, Sibayan, and Beasley were selected to the All-Conference-Northern Division Team.

On April 5, the Keydet baseball team received a special honor when Hall of Famer Joe Dimaggio came to Lexington to dedicate the new Patchin Field baseball complex. After a parade in his honor, he stayed to throw out the first baseball, sign autographs, and watch the Keydets play Virginia.



Bottom Right: Gary Sibayan watches the ball go over the fence for a home run, on the first pitch of the season against UVA. Top Right: Sibayan rounding the bases on another home run.

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 @Virginia Commonwealth Univ.

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 @Mary Washington  
 BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE

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 @East Tennessee State (2)  
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 @Old Dominion University  
 @University of Richmond  
 ONEONTA STATE  
 UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE  
 MARSHALL UNIVERSITY (2)

MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY

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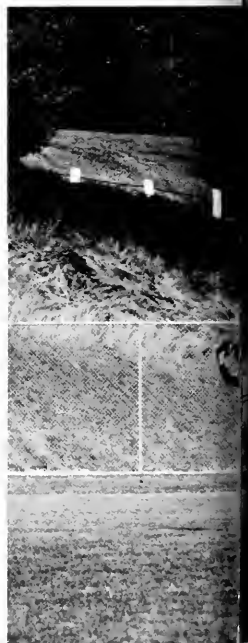
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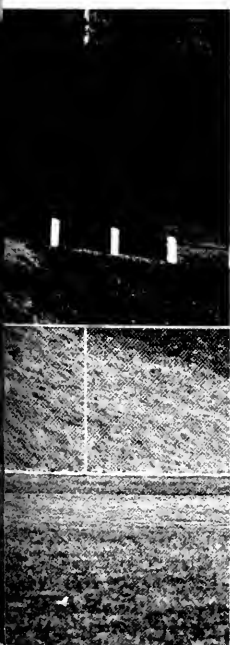
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Southern Conference  
 Tournament

Clockwise: John Glover fires one in for a strike. Joe Dimaggio throws out the first ball on the new baseball field. RBI man Andy Beasley is set for another hit. Mike Kelly snares a pop-up for an easy out. Chris Finwood slides into second.





# Year of Glory

## Track

The VMI track team climaxed a great season by crushing the Southern Conference competition on the H.M. "Son" Memorial Track last spring. The Keydets mounted a pinnacle 194½ points placing resoundingly in 18 of the 20 events. The four year reigning Southern Conference outdoor track champions, Appalachian State, finished with a distant 128 points and Marshall 105½ to place second and third respectively. It was VMI's second track championship of the year, having also stopped a four-year run by Appalachian State in the indoor competition.

The Keydets also had a long list of incredible individual performances, winning 9 of the 20 events in the championships. Leading the team individually, Third Classman Mario Small and First Classman Andrew Stewart contributed to first place wins in three events. Small won the 200 and 400 meter dashes with excellent times of 21.73 and 47.12, and then ran the anchor leg of the victorious 1600 meter relay team. Stewart also performed in grand style, winning the 110 meter high hurdles in 14.52 and the 400 meter hurdles in 53.29. He belonged to the 1600 meter relay team along with Small, Coley Rice, and Bobby Harris.

Third Classman Greg Hatchett took first place in the long jumps, and finished strongly in the 100 meter dash and the 110 meter high hurdles, placing second in each. Hatchett was selected the Most Outstanding Male College Athlete by the Peninsula Sports Club and was honored at a dinner in May. First Classman Greg Hoofnagle won the 1,500 meter run in thrilling fashion finishing with a time of 3:50.02. This, however, was not his top individual performance in the 1,500 meter event. Hoofnagle also placed second in the 3,000 meter steeplechase. Third Classman Rodney Ed-

wards won the pole vault competition with a power vault of 15'0". Edwards also looked strong in the triple jump, taking second place honors.

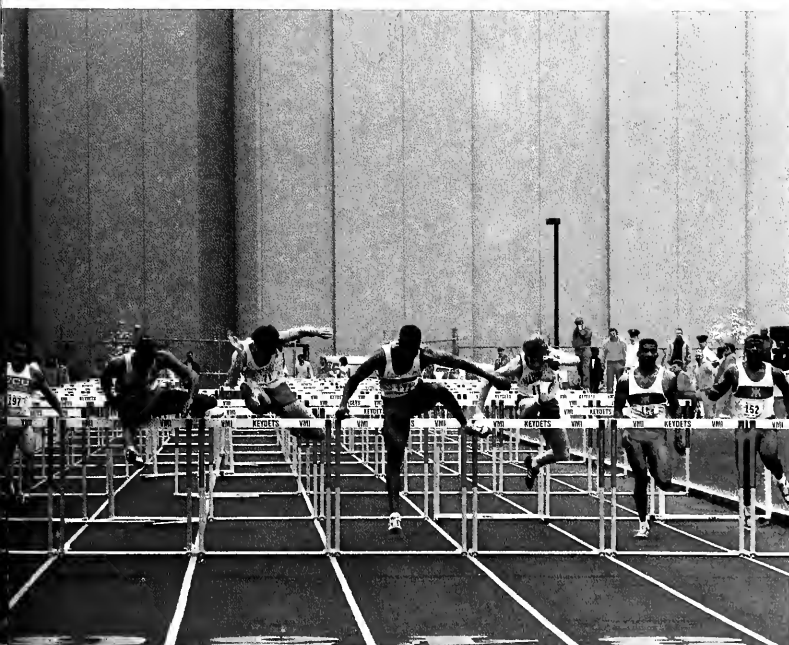
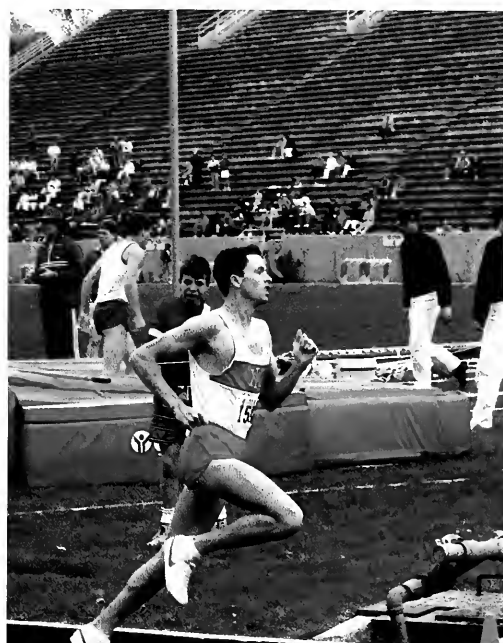
In team sports such as Track and Field, outstanding and unexpected performances by individuals added spark and increased the team's overall intensity and determination. VMI's javelin thrower, Second Classman Davin Ruohomaki had an outstanding season toss of 177'1" to widen the Keydets' opening day lead to 19 points. The team's strength was bolstered by immense depth and talent in all events of competition. VMI totally outclassed the conference in the championships held on their own track.

"Winning the Southern Conference on the H.M. 'Son' Read Track was a great climax to a great season. I'm so happy for all seniors. They had a slew of PRs (Personal Records) and provided great leadership. We have to admit that we felt some pressure to win the title on our own track," said VMI head track and field coach Mike Bozeman. Bozeman was honored as both the indoor and outdoor Southern Conference Coach of the Year.

Bottom: Mario Small at the starting block for the 400 meter. Top Left: Mario Small wins the 400 meter. Right: Greg Hoofnagle strides it out in the 1500 meter. Bottom Right: Greg Hatchett breaks free to win the 110 meter hurdles.









Left: Pole Vaulter Rodney Edwards makes his approach. Bottom: Rodney Edwards goes for distance in the triple jump. Opposite page, clockwise from top: VMI sprinters show their speed, VMI runner feels the agony of defeat, VMI's Southern Conference Champion 1600 meter relay team pulls away from the pack.



# VMI 1989 Indoor Track and Field Schedule

VMI Invitational in Lexington  
 Bud Light-Marriot Inv. in Blacksburg, VA  
 Eastman Kodak in Johnson City, TN  
 VMI Winter Relays in Lexington  
 Southern Conf. Championships in Johnson City, TN  
 Qualifying/State Meet in Blacksburg, VA  
 NCAA Championships in Indianapolis, IN





# Lacrosse Wins Big

## Lacrosse

In 1988 the VMI Lax-Men under head coach Doug Bartlett kept the machine rolling with another season of firsts. The Keydets achieved their pre-season of double digit wins, set a school record for victories for the second consecutive year with eleven, and knocked off opponents Hampden Sydney, Lynchburg, Washington and Lee that had never been beaten by the VMI lacrosse team.

Standout attackman, Dave Hope, once again led the squad offensively. After leading the nation in goal scoring in '87, Hope had all the defenses keying on him. He still managed to lead the team with 51 goals, and with more teammates open, he was able to get the ball to other capable shooters and managed to chalk up 21 assists as well.

With more scoring opportunities open, the Keydets capitalized and finished with six players who scored ten goals or more and set another season record (166). Attackman Tim Nolan, a newcomer who came to VMI after receiving All-American honors in high school, scored 19 goals and had 15 assists. Nolan should be a stand-out player for the Keydets in the years to come. Team captain Grant Kiehl accumulated eleven goals and 17 assists in his final year at VMI. First Class attacker John Ancona tallied 23 total points, scoring 15 goals and exhibiting an aggressive style of play. Midfielder William Coleman also had a hand in the Lacrosse Team's success with 15 goals and eight assists in his first sea-

### 1988 VMI Lacrosse Season Results

W	(13-10)	@Denver
W	(13-10)	@Colorado College
W	(22-3)	@Mary Washington
L	(18-5)	@Virginia
W	(11-9)	GEORGETOWN
W	(7-6)	HAMPDEN-SYDNEY
W	(14-9)	LEHIGH
W	(15-5)	RADFORD
W	(10-4)	ST. MARY'S
L	(7-5)	@Randolph Macon
W	(12-5)	VIRGINIA TECH
W	(14-6)	@Lynchburg
L	(11-10)	@Guilford OT
W	(15-9)	@Washington & Lee

Final Record 11-3  
Home Record 6-0  
Away Record 5-3

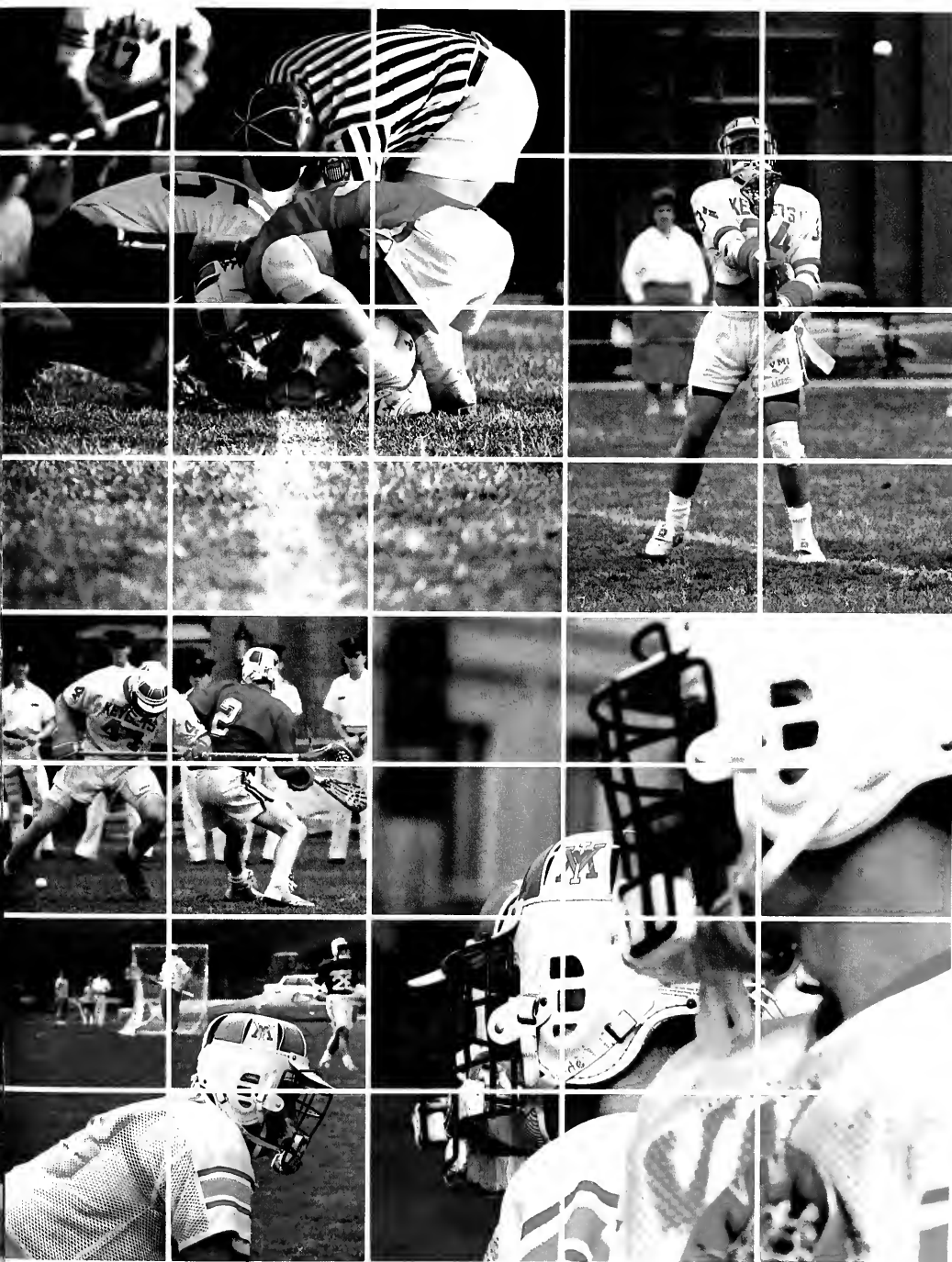
son with the Keydets. The Keydets once again enjoyed the excellent play of goalie Tom Towers, a first classman. Towers turned in another fine season with 160 saves and a .616 save percentage.

The Keydets won eight of the first nine games in '88, then went 3-2 over the next five games and closed out the campaign with a 15-9 win over Washington and Lee before 2,250 spectators in the first Lee-Jackson Classic, co-sponsored and promoted by the city of Lexington. The Keydets were especially tough at home posting an unbeaten 6-0 record partly due to the support of the Corps of Cadets. With promising young players as Coleman, Nolan and Andrew Lawrence, the team is assured many successful seasons in the future.

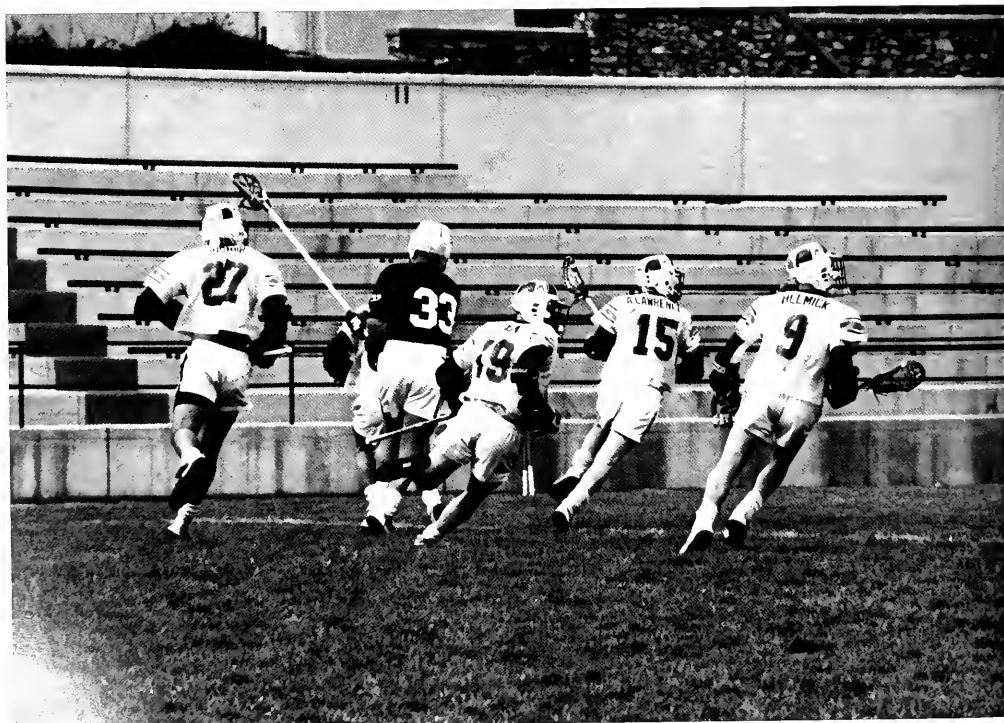
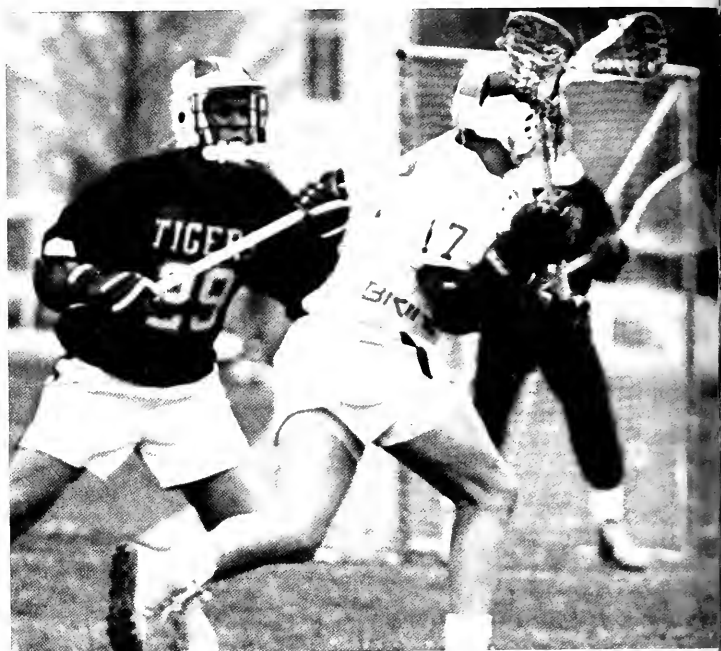
Reflecting on the Lee-Jackson Classic victory, head coach Doug Bartlett said, "We had a season of firsts. We beat three teams that we'd never beaten before. But the Lee-Jackson Classic was our only opportunity to be a champion."

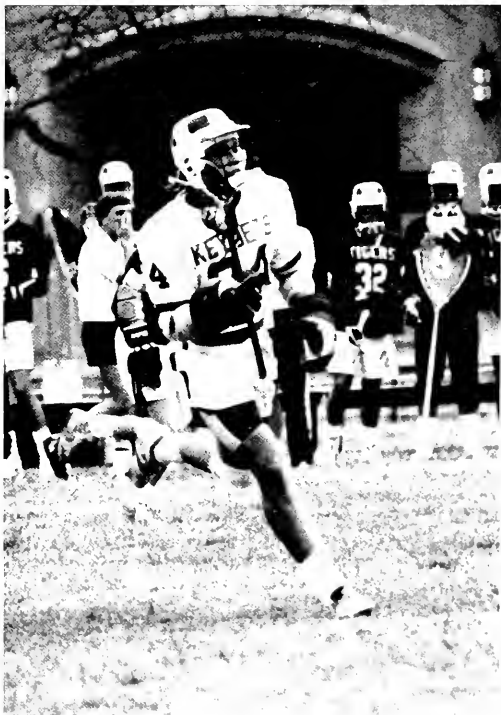
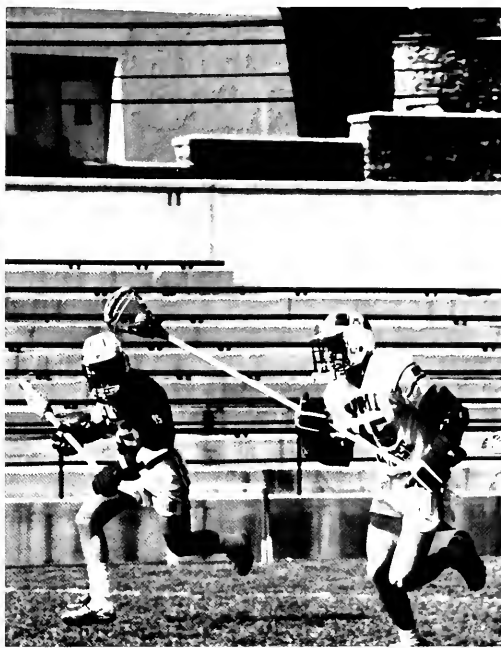


At Right: Pat Poon and John Kay turn back Hampden-Sydney attacker. Opposite page clockwise from upper left: Face Off! Pat Poon makes key pass. Lax-Men watch intently. John Ancona in defense. Kay strips ball from the opponent.



Left: Dave Hope prepares to score yet another goal for the Keydets. Bottom: "Redbone" Lawrence moves the ball upfield. Opposite page, clockwise from top left: Steve King evades a Hampden-Sydney defender, Kevin McCarthy tears up the field against the Hokies, Pat Poon looks upfield for an open man, Grant Kiehl goes for a loose ball.







# Swinging Away

## Tennis

The tennis program at VMI made great strides this year under first year coach Ken Alrutz. The Keydets finished 12-9 on the season and posted their first winning campaign in six years. A fast start highlighted the season as the team rolled to a 10-0 start before suffering its first loss of the campaign.

The Keydets were led by No.1 singles player Larry Johnson and No. 2 Scott Davila. Johnson finished 13-11 while Davila posted a 14-10 record. Johnson and Davila also combined to form the No. 1 doubles team and finished up at 9-10. The future looks bright for the Keydets due in part to the strong play from newcomers Jack Woodfin and Rob Shults.

### Individual Records

#### Singles

No. 1 Larry Johnson	(13-11)
No. 2 Scott Davila	(14-10)
No. 3 Brian McKenzie	(1-11)
No. 4 Jack Woodfin	(8-15)
No. 5 Bill Miller	(0-10)
No. 6 Rob Shults	(4-8)

#### Doubles

No. 1 Johnson-Davila	(9-10)
No. 2 Miller-McKenzie	(4-15)
No. 3 Woodfin-Shults	(10-12)



Top: Rob Shults makes a strong passing shot. A keydet reaches for this running forehand.

1988 VMI Tennis Results		
W	(8-1)	LIBERTY
W	(9-0)	@Ferrum
W	(8-1)	@Radford
W	(8-1)	BRIDGEWATER
W	(5-4)	HAMPDEN
		SYDNEY
W	(7-2)	RANDOLPH
		MACON
W	(5-4)	UNC-
		GREENSBORO
W	(6-3)	@Emory & Henry
W	(6-3)	AVERETT
W	(5-4)	@Roanoke College
L	(0-9)	@Washington & Lee
L	(0-9)	THE CITADEL
W	(7-2)	LIBERTY
W	(9-0)	LONGWOOD
L	(0-9)	@Furman
L	(4-5)	@Western Carolina
L	(1-8)	@Davidson
L	(0-9)	@East Tennessee St.
L	(0-9)	@Appalachian St.
L	(0-9)	@UT-Chattanooga
L	(2-7)	JAMES
		MADISON







Above: Jack Woodfin strokes a backhand down the line.

Top: Mark Dick scores a crucial point on this overhead smash. Bottom: Bill Miller concentrates on the serve and volley.



# Clubheads Drive On

## Golf Team

The 1988-1989 Golf Team:

Quinn Healy  
Jim Hynes  
Ian Duthie  
Cal Lloyd  
Dave Conforti  
Bernard Juguilon  
Kevin Williams  
Rich McMinn  
Ashton Lough



Ian Duthie and Jim Hynes pause for a smile after a strenuous day of playing golf at a nearby golf course.



Ian Duthie takes a mighty swing as he prays that he can get a hole-in-one.



Three VMI player received second team All-Southern Conference honors: stopper Danny Schnock, utility player Andrew Preston, and sweeper Buddy League and Preston are both thirds and are sure to play an important role in the team's success during the next two years. Even though the team did not meet their high pre-season expectations they are hungry now and convinced that they can win. This was the first VMI soccer team to compete in the Southern Conference tournament and it won't be long before their hard work and dedication pay off and they start posting more and more victories.

#### 1988 VMI Soccer Schedule

LIBERTY

@Furman

@Guilford

UNC-ASHVILLE

NC Wesleyan Tournament

VPI

RANDOLPH-MACON

@Longwood

GREENSBORO

APPALACHIAN STATE

MARSHALL

Roanoke Coll. Tournament

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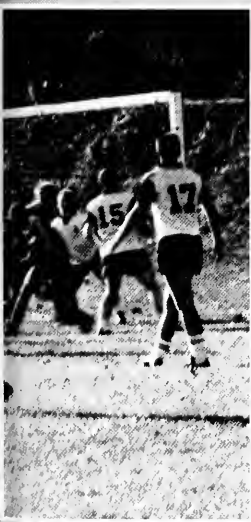
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Top: A Keydet gives the ball a boot. Left: Tough action around the goal

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# SLUGS ON A ROLL

## RUGBY

The VMI Rugby Club began the 1988 fall season with time to make up. Following the disbanding of the past season, the Ruggers hit the comeback trail. There were many young returnees like Rob "Pilon" Campbell, Captain Kevin Jones, Steve Simulcik, Fritz Schrick, John King, and Dave Yockel in the scrum. The line also had its share of veterans with Pat Becker, Keats Wade, Jon Jacobs, Trace West, Andy England, Greg Skinner and Doug Dillon. The interest of the corps also provided a lot of new faces to give the team much needed depth. The season started with a tough loss to UVA. Following the loss the ruggers went to VCU looking for their first win. Falling short of the mark, the team still had not found the right chemistry. The Keydets first western division match followed, with a road trip to Longwood college. Once again the team fell short in a game which saw the lead change hands several times. The ruggers then made their second trip to Richmond to face the Richmond Area Training Sides (RATS). The RATS quelled a late game burst by the slugs to hand them yet another loss. The VMI ruggers were in need of their first victory and got it on the first game at home against W @ L. The ruggers had gotten it together and sent the Minks home with their tails tucked. The slugs went into their final two games feeling good about the outcomes. First they had to face the western division powerhouse; JMU. The Keydets rallied to beat the Dukes, bringing their division record to 2-1.





The final game was on parent's weekend, against division arch-rival Virginia Tech. VMI once again put it together and handed the Hokies a loss. With a division record of 3-1 the Keydets took home the championship of the western division, and went into the state championships in Norfolk well-seeded. The state tournament proved to be a disappointment as the ruggers lost two straight to William and Mary and ODU. Overall, the season was a great success. The team gained much needed experience and a championship. The team moves on to the spring season with great anticipation and the hope that 1989 will bring a state championship. The team owes its success to Captain Powers, the team coach, and the never say die spirit displayed by all team members. Come out and support the slugs next fall. Remember, be kind to a slug, support Rugby.



# Pump it 'til its Dry

## WATER POLO

The V.M.I. Water Polo organization has made quite a name for itself in the past two years of its existence with its "Take no Prisoners" style play throughout Virginia and up the East Coast. In training this season, LT. Patrick Donovan took the club to the sub — freezing temperature Maury River for practices, and initiated a new weight belt training program to be used in practices. If desire put points on the scoreboard, then the "Viking" squad might have as many points on the scoreboard as penalties! But, as with most young clubs, these last two years have been primarily building blocks for what could make a fine varsity sport at V.M.I. in years ahead. At the close of the Spring '88 season in a grand finale victory at the Hampden-Sydney 1988 Spring water polo Invitational, the club suffered a 7-6, double overtime, penalty shot loss, and came through the losing bracket to win the Tournament. In the fall '88 season, the club had a ri



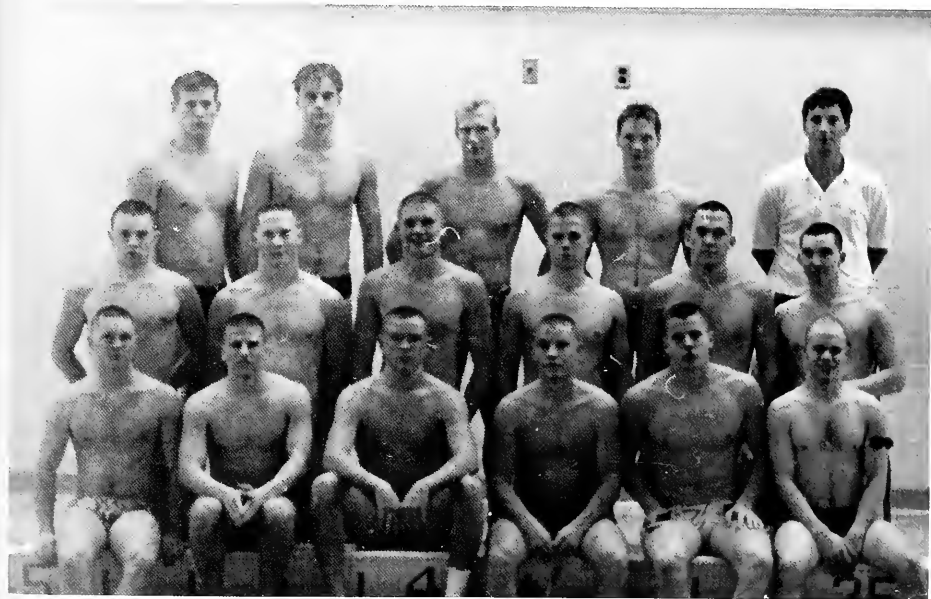
# FINS OF STEEL

## SWIMMING

The swim team this year was led by Co-Captains Rick Skiff and Matt Ans. Rick Skiff is an impressive freestyle sprinter. He is ranked high in Tri-States in the 50, 100, and 200 freestyle events. Co-Captain Matt Ans is a very successful breaststroker. Two years ago, in his third class year Matt was ranked number one in the 100 yard breaststroke. He has been ranked at or near number one throughout his cadetship. First classmen

Lowell Wilson and third classmen Marty Hawks are two hard workers who contribute greatly to the positive work ethic of the team. Rats played a big role this year on the team due to the fact that there are very few upperclassmen on the team. Rats have towed the line very well and the team won the Frostburg Relay Championships and was expected to take third place in the Tri-States Championship Meet. Both of the divers this year are

rats and they have consistently brought in points in every meet. All in all this years team is small but is very hardworking and their record this year will most likely reflect that.



Left to right standing: Lowell Martin, Rick Skiff, Matt Ans, Marty Hawks, Ken "Ironman" Duncan. Kneeling: Charlie Martin, Kamin, Jim Stone, Jaason Troxell, John Walters, Derek Lapp. Seated: Greg Robinson, Tom Timmes, Red Forrester, Ormond, William Liemkuhler, Seybold

# BEATING AND BLEEDING

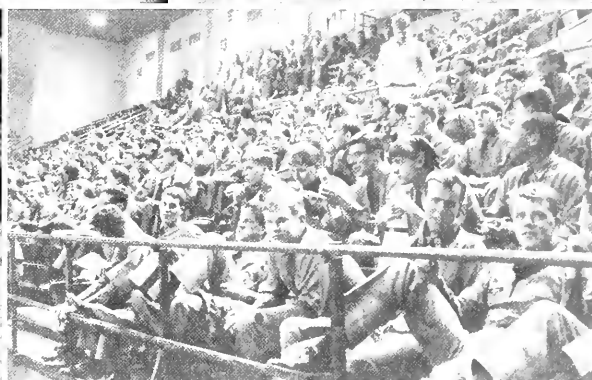
## BOXING

The VMI Boxing team is very proud of the standards which it has maintained. The boxing team is ranked third in the nation and is trying to advance its standing under the direction of Coach Gordon Calkins. The team captain Ken Krynski, who like other veterans on the team is training for the National Collegiate Boxing Association's National Championship which will be held this year at the United States Air Force Academy.

Although boxing is an individual sport, without the help and inspiration of the team a boxer may never have the drive and determination to continue the fight. Along this line the team would like to thank the Corps for its continued support.

Due to the lack of communication with last year's Bomb staff, the team would like to acknowledge those members of the 1987-88 team who met the training standards and had the dedication to become national champions. They are Mike Corson, Jeff Barnes, and Yuhhuei Wang. Third place winner was Bob Townend. All of these men received All-American status.





# Maddog's own page

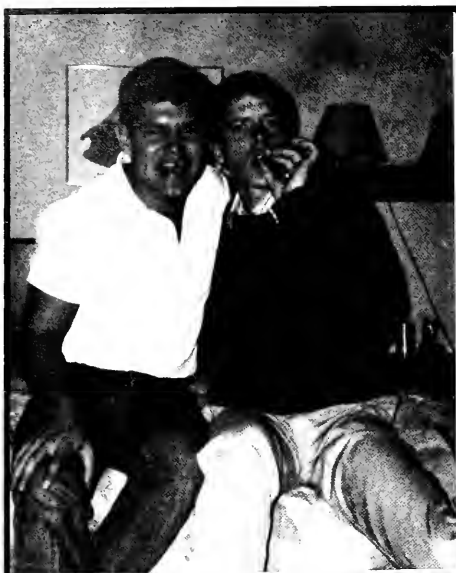


Brent thanks for the page, I hope the future brings success and happiness to you and Bob. I want to thank everyone especially Tom, Vic, Paul "Neffy", and Todd, who helped me with the Sports section. Room 319 (Stressmaster, Scrotum Mikey) you are the roommates from Hell but I love you and want to have your children, Vic in the future let's buy a case of light bulbs. 311 (chuck, cock, buck, Tweezer) you have also helped to make this year a living hell for me, but really you are all great. Women — Criss, Jackie, Karen, Jennifer, Nicola, Heather, thank you!! Mom thanks for the understanding and patience this year. Hence, 115 the co-dykes from hell we have survived and carry on the legacy, WE LIVE IN HELL!! To the boys in the hole Drapeman, Bob Woody, Chris, football, Obesman, just remember to hang loose, it was real!!! I do get paid to do the wild thing and it is too bad that it was too big!!!



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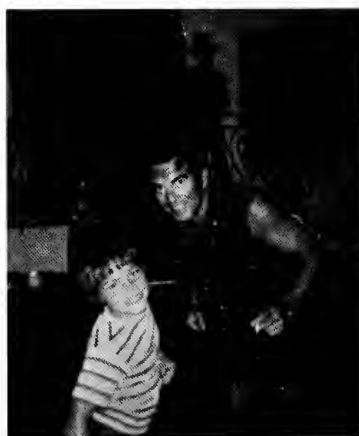




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Brent R. Selnau  
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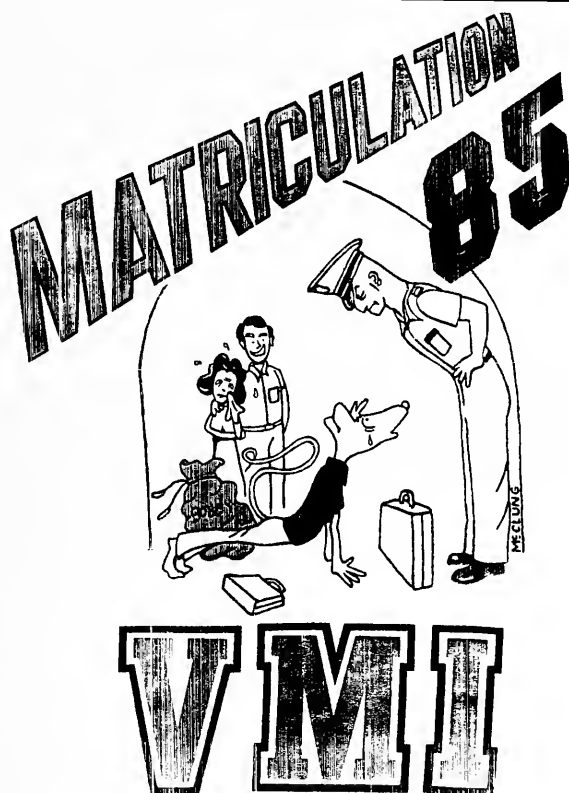
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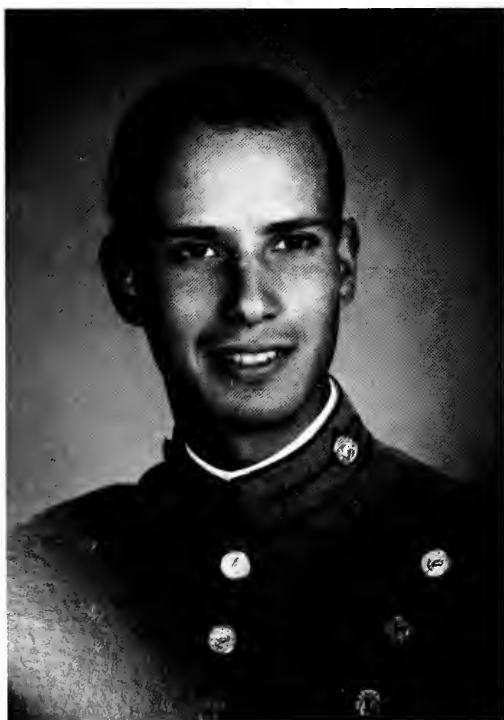


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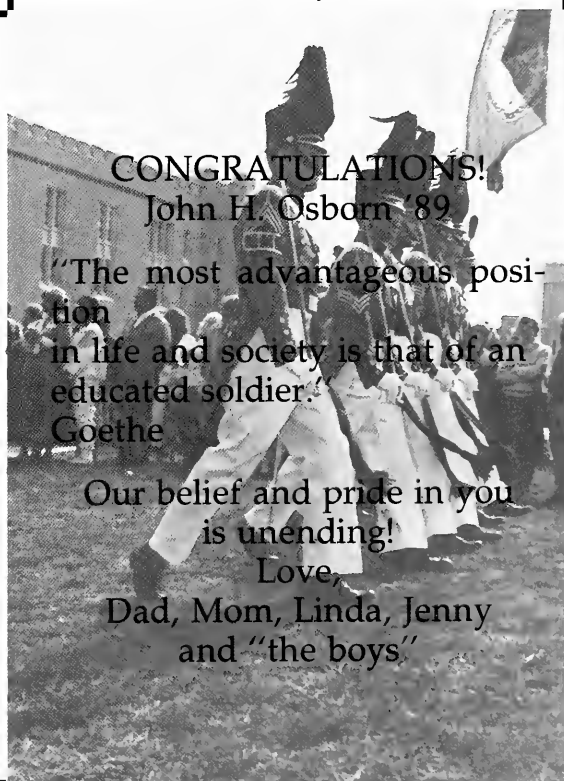
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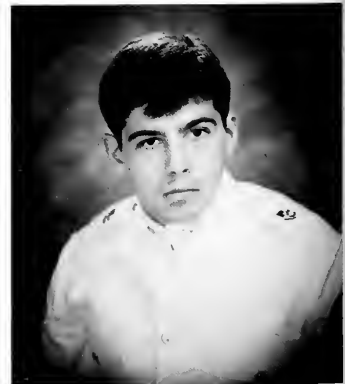

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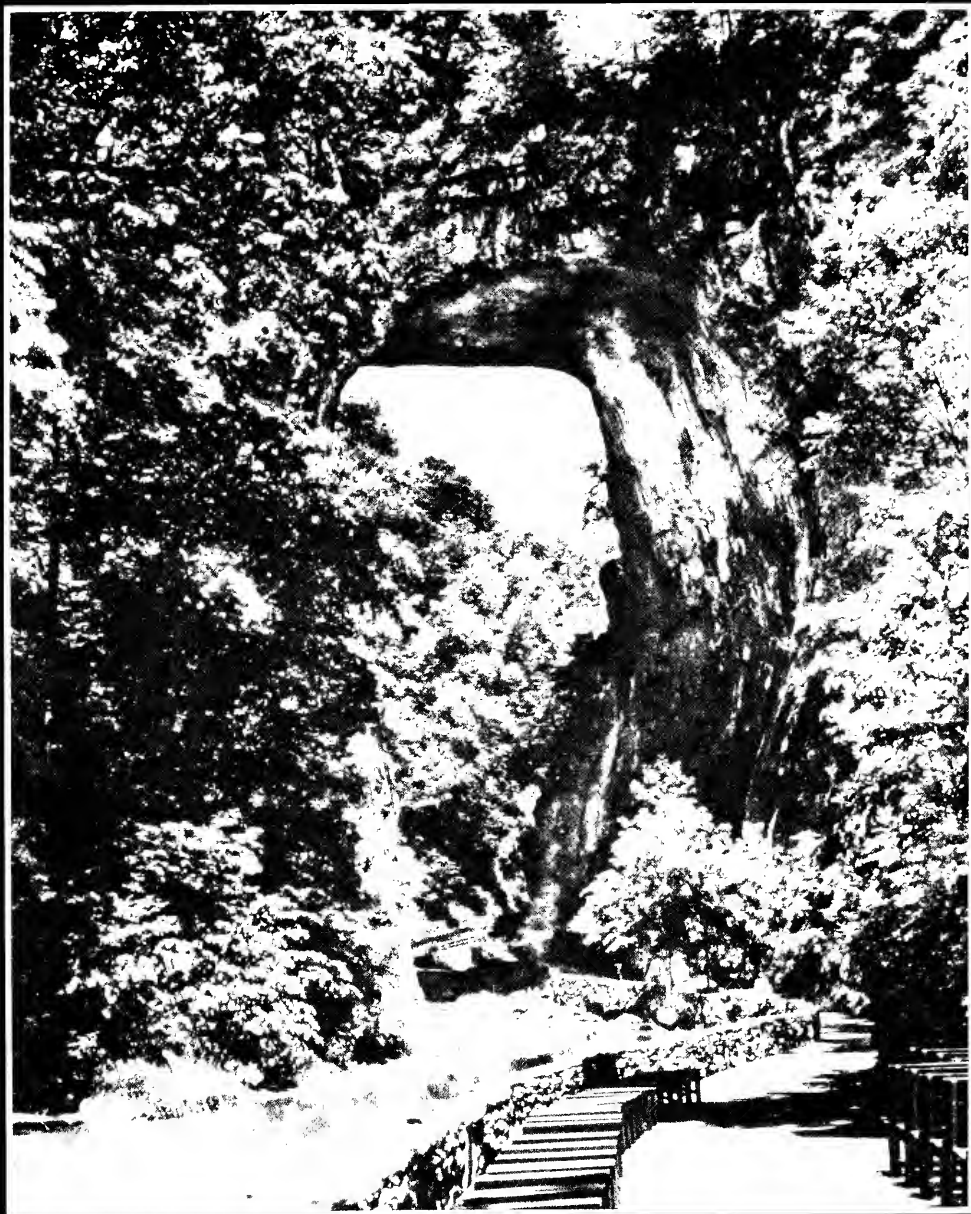
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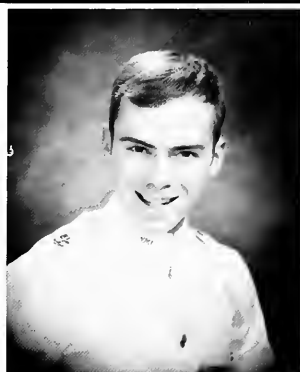
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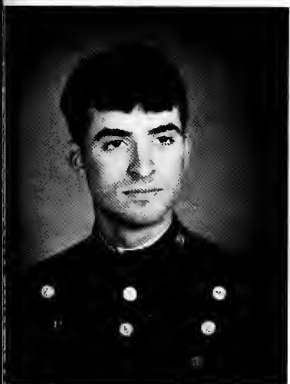
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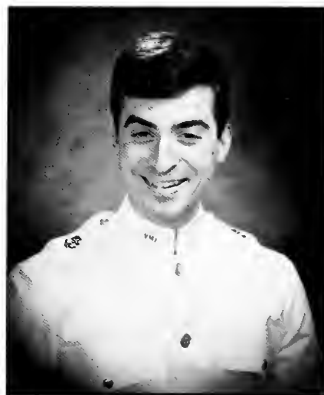


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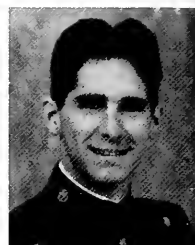
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A Decade of VMI Men  
Congratulations to the Class of 1989

Mom, Dad, I could not have made it without you. Thank you for your support. Ashly, I love you.

For your special ability  
to make me laugh...

For your determination  
to solidify a tradition  
of three...

For your ever present  
reminders to  
"Keep the spirit!"

HERE'S YOUR P-H-O-N-E!

Love,  
V.M.I. MOM  
'82,'85,'89



Congratulations to  
Cadet Andrew Lee Rose  
and the Class of 1989

Those moments you shared with love  
The leadership you chose to project.  
With hours of studied composure  
Smilingly earning your families respect.  
Your goal was to reach the ultimate  
A "championship" you've always yearned.  
Chin up!  
Reach for the "spirit" ever within  
Finally... Andrew  
It's become your turn!



With love and pride,  
The Familie Rose  
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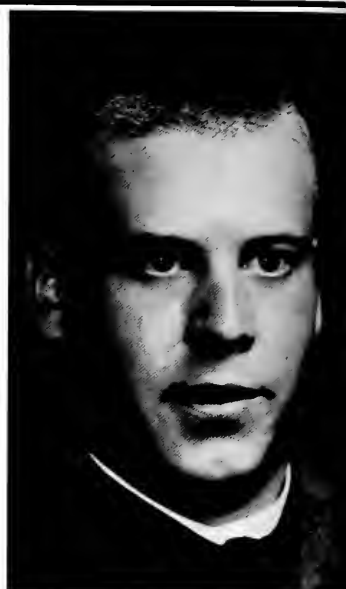


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GARY —

WE KNEW YOU  
COULD DO IT . . .  
VMI HAS MADE  
THIS WIFE  
AND MOTHER  
VERY PROUD.  
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ANDREW,  
CONGRATULATIONS!



WE LOVE YOU  
MOM, DAD, MATTHEW, AND  
PETE '90

*It's George! It's John Wayne!*



NO!!  
IT'S SUGAR FACE!!



CONGRATULATIONS  
TOM

I never gave up on you,  
but better than that,  
you never gave up on yourself.  
I'm proud of you.

All my love forever,  
Missy  
(Your future Mrs.)



# 150 Outrageous Years!

From November 11 1839 to 1989...



The more things change the more they remain the same

but sometimes they reach outrageous proportions...

1989

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## The Honor Code

A cadet does not lie

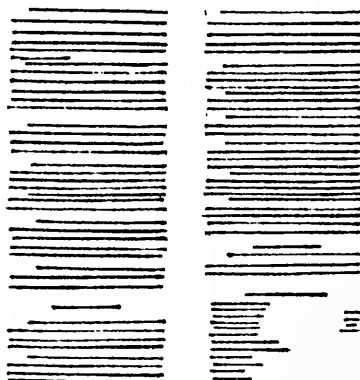
cheat steal nor tolerate

those who do.

...Hi, I'm the  
ghost of VMI's  
first five year  
man.



## Virginia Military Institute The Honor System



IGNORANCE IS NO EXCUSE

See 26 Bluebook  
Clarifications

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TJW  
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DEAN'S OFFICE  
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THUR: DEAN OF FACULTY

Memorandum for: Commandant of Cadets, Virginia Military Institute

Subject: Support mission: (See enclosure no. 1; General Breckinridge's letter of request.)

1. General. It is requested that the Corps of Cadets be granted leave immediately for the purpose of supporting Confederate forces in the valley near New Market, Virginia. (See enclosure no. 2; map of New Market area.)

2. Administrative.

A. This trip will be mandatory for all able-bodied Cadets, and optional for Cadets with medical status. Leave will commence upon the approval and return of this permit, and will extend until 20 May 1864, or until such time that our presence is no longer necessary in the valley, whichever comes first. HAVE 1ST SGTs. TAKE ACCOUNTABILITY DAILY. H

CADETS WITH MEDICAL STATUS WILL NOT ATTEND DOC. OLD POST PHYSICIAN

B. If the Union forces are engaged at any time during the course of this leave, then the Corps will be granted an automatic extension of leave until said battle has reached a decisive outcome (i.e. surrender or defeat). NOT AN OPTION. H

C. All Cadets, regardless of restrictive status, will participate in this support mission.

1. Confinement: All men's barracks confinement will be released from such restriction for the duration of the support mission, and will resume such confinement status immediately upon their return to post.

Permits have really gotten out of hand

2. Penalty tours: All men with pt's will receive three pt credits per day while on support mission, and will receive 21 for 1 pt credit for each hour of actual combat. Cadets with an outstanding balance of pt's at the termination of leave will resume post confinement immediately upon return to post, and will serve off said balance according to standard operating procedure.

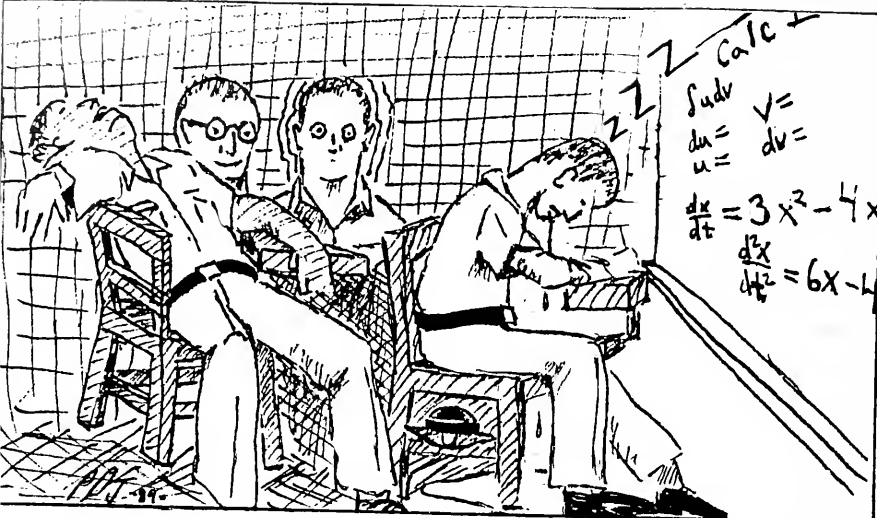
3. Mission. This support mission is our duty as citizens of The Confederate States of America, and as Cadets of the Virginia Military Institute. Our support is much needed and will bring great credit upon the Corps of Cadets.

Respectfully submit

Regimental Commander  
to the Corps of Cadet  
Virginia Military Institute

APPROVED  
MAY 11 1864  
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COMMANDANT'S OFFICE

JUST GO BOYS, GET 'EM!  
Sandy  
C400 HRS  
14 MAY 1864



Rats often have a tough time adjusting to VMI's tough academics...

There is one thing that all cadets have in common; that is blowing off study to do more important things:

Rats - shining up and studying the rat bible.

Thirde - eating #10\$.

Seconds - day-dreaming about THE RING, then after Ring Figure staring at it.

Firsts - taking days, and worrying about graduating on time.



... but as one develops into a cadet one's true potential is realized.



# OUTRAGEOUS THINGS HAPPEN WITHIN THE WALLS OF OUR "HEALTHFUL AND PLEASANT ABODE":

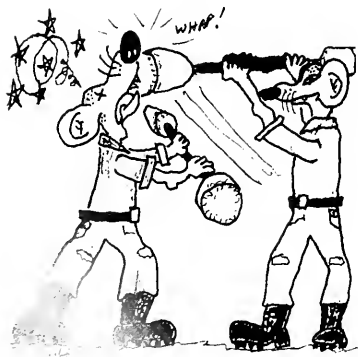


ON THOSE DAYS THAT CADETS ARE NOT PRACTICING PARADE, ACTUALLY PARADING, OR  
 STANDING SOME SILLY INSPECTION, THEY INCREASE THEIR INDIVIDUAL ABILITIES  
 AND /OR RELAX BY PARTICIPATING IN INTRAMURAL AND CLUB SPORTS, PHYSICAL  
 PREPARATION FOR THE VMI OR MILITARY PFTS, OR RAT TRAINING OR AFTERNOON  
 TOURS OF LEXINGTON BARS. SOME OF THE INTRAMURAL AND CLUB SPORTS NOT  
 DEPICTED HEREIN INCLUDE: BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL, VOLLEYBALL, RACQUETBALL, AND  
 BASEBALL. MORE VICIOUS SPORTS SUCH AS WRESTLING, BOXING AND MARTIAL ARTS  
 ARE OFFERED AS CHOICES. THESE "COMBAT" SPORTS HELP INSURE THE REPUTATION  
 OF CADETS IS NEVER SLANDERED IN BARS OR AT SOCIAL FUNCTIONS, ESPECIALLY  
 BY HOKIES.

RUN FOR THE RACK.

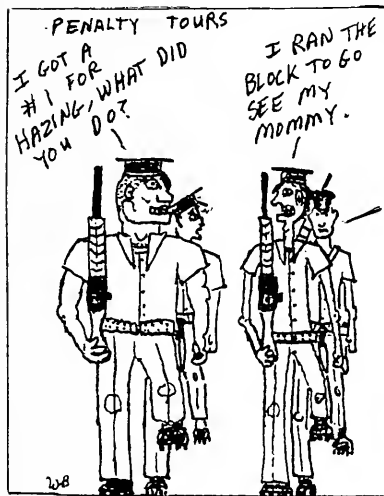
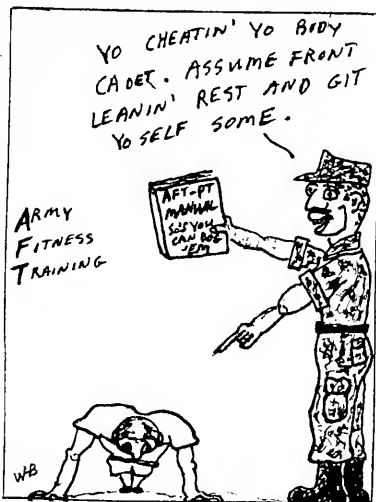
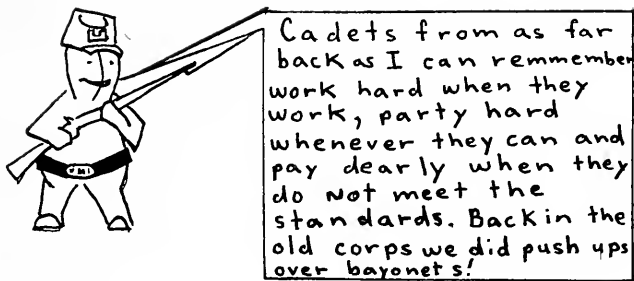


RAT TRAINING



U.S.M.C. BULLDOG PLATOON





AT LEAST YOU'RE NOT HERE FOR FAILING TO KEEP THE PANCAKE PAN FULL.



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(above)The infamous *Bomb Staff* in all its glory.  
 (above right)Photo editor Steve Fitton, responsible  
 for the quality photography in the 1989 *Bomb*.  
 (right)Vick Dewyea and Tom VanBenschoten hard  
 at work on the Sports section.





# The Bomb Staff

It's hard to imagine that people think that it doesn't take a lot of time, energy, and talent to create a major school publication. Well, it takes a lot of the three. Just imagine that you have 384 pages of a major term paper that combines pictures and graphics as well as artwork in it. If you can imagine that, then you have a basic idea on how to do a yearbook.

The '89 Bomb Staff consisted of around twenty people and about five photographers. These guys spent many a late night getting things done. Our short but glorious Editor-in-Chief Bob Bradford, along with his side-kick Paul Tallat-Kelpsa developed ulcers to make sure that this yearbook will be completed on time.





# Reflecting Tradition

The purpose of any annual is to record events of the past year through photos as well as through copy that has been written about the pages. It is through the photo-copy combination that one can truly remember the events of the past year.

In order to make an annual, a theme must be developed that will revolve around the entire book, photo must be taken, and copy must be prepared to compliment the photos in form of an article.

It is all too difficult to pick a theme for an annual. One must take in account events that are happening, the style of the book, but most of all, something that will be remembered about the year in which it was published. At first it was hard to find a theme but it was realized that this year marked the Sesquicentennial of the institute, why not have the theme be about traditions of this fine institute?

As one can see, throughout the

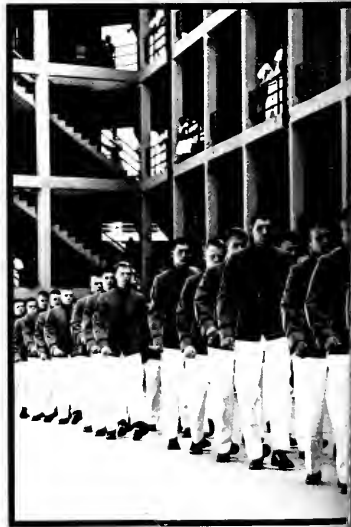
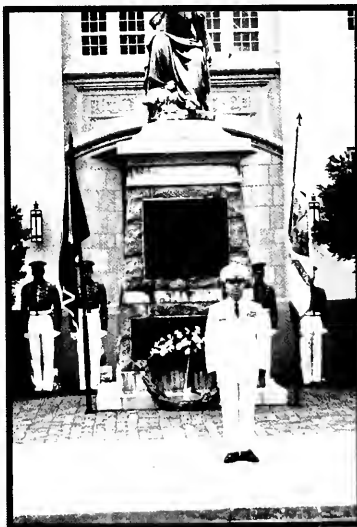
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book, there are references made to reflecting on what happened during the year. The opening tells the story of the beginning of the institute, VMI in the Civil War, and finally, what VMI is today. It took a lot of time researching material to put copy on these pages. It took even more time gathering stats, names, and advertisements in order to produce this book.

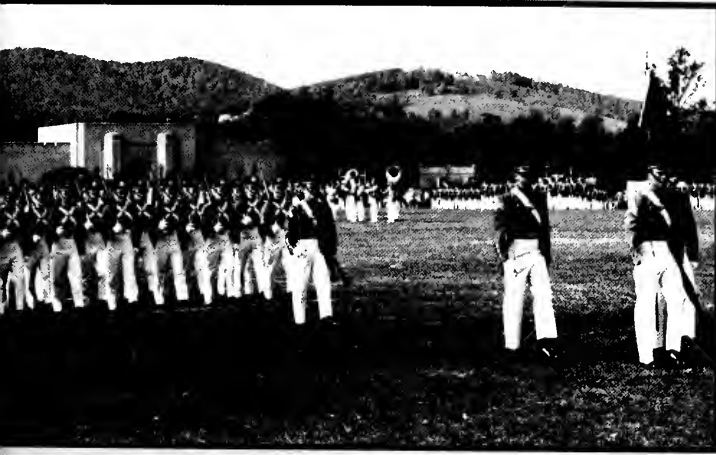
The photos are what most people look at on a page. If the photograph is interesting enough, then people may take time in order to read the material that goes along with it. The material that is covered must have some relevance to the photos. If not, then the person responsible for that page has failed to communicate his ideas to his audience.

This staff tried to take all aspects of these basic fundamentals

of journalism and apply them in making an annual that is worthy of publishing. The staff can hope that the efforts that were put into making this Bomb are fruitful and that everyone that reads this book may be pleased with their work.



## Colophon



### About the Cover

The idea of the cover was to go along with the theme of the book *reflecting Tradition*. The idea of the color came from our yearbook representative Lelia Crabtree. She suggested that the theme of the book dealt with reflecting on memories, why not have the book at looked sort of old. Well, as you can see, we took her advise. The design of the cover came about during a Taylor Workshop in Richmond in the summer of '88. Chuck Story and Bob Bradford tinkered around with some ideas. What they tried to put on

the cover was the medallion of the Sesquicentennial. Well the basic design was done, all we needed now was a drawing of the medallion.

Getting a drawing of the medallion wasn't that difficult. The Alumni Office gave the Bomb Staff the name of the person who designed the medallion, Dan Booten. He came down to the Bomb Room and presented his drawings to Bob. Well, Bob selected the drawing and it came true.

Creating the cover was easy and at the same time, neat. It seems that this cover will surely stand out to other Bombs.

The 1989 BOMB, volume 95, was produced by the all cadet staff at the Virginia Military Institute. The 1989 BOMB is solely run cadet run without any assistance from any other organization. Under the direction of the Office of Cadet Affairs and the Publications Board, all proposals and contracts for publication and photography were secured by the Editor-in-Chief, Managing Editor, and the Faculty Member of the BOMB.

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**PRINTING:** The 1989 BOMB was printed by Taylor Publishing Company in Dallas, Texas. There were eleven-hundred copies published, with 384 pages of the publication was printed on 80 lb. enamel paper, with either single or four-color presses. Our company representative was Lelia Crabtree of Charlottesville, Virginia.

**TYPE:** Body Copy for the BOMB ranged in various sizes that ranged from 6 point to 14 point and type face varied throughout the book. The ones that were used were malibu, serveille, souvenir, and times roman. Headlines ranged from 30 point to 36 point. Division pages were 60 point.

**COVER:** The cover was mounted on 160 lb. binder board. The cover was designed by the Editor-in — Chief. The artwork was designed by Dan Booten '73 and came from the Sesquicentennial Medallion. The color is brown 331 P and the grain is rhino. The image of the medallion is made of gold 347 and was debossed with the die cut made by Taylor.

**STUDIO PHOTOGRAPHY:** Individual portraits of the cadets were taken by Yearbook Associates of Miller Falls, Massachusetts. These portraits were taken in September and October 1988. Our company representative was George Rosa III.

**OPERATING BUDGET:** The 1989 BOMB was produced on a total operating budget of \$60,000 of which \$30,000 was used in the production of this publication. Individual copies of the 1989 BOMB were sold for \$30 and 50 complementary copies were distributed to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Institute chain of command, the cadet chain of command, the VMI Publications Board, and the VMI Public Information Office. The BOMB staff is solely responsible for the funding and distribution of this publication.

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Well, here it is, the 1989 *Bomb*. After countless hours of design, layout, copy, and even more of revision, the staff brings to the reader what I believe a college yearbook should be, especially at a unique place like VMI. I won't tell anyone that this is the best yearbook that VMI has ever produced and that it should win some sort of publication award, as many editors in the past have. What I will say is that this book is the result of hardworking and dedicated cadets trying to preserve the memories of an academic year at VMI, and nothing more. It is not perfectly consistent as the ideal "good" yearbook should be nor is the layout on the cutting edge of graphic design. In particular, the language and grammar used would probably give any English professor a heart attack for giving a passing grade to anyone on the *Bomb* staff. Then again, most "award-winning" books come from big schools with big staffs and professional journalism departments. Such luxuries are not found at VMI. The *Bomb* operates on a small budget in a small office with a very small number of amateurs who will leave a very big mark



at VMI. I apologize to anyone offended by this, but I don't see how we could have put out a perfect book with the time constraints placed on us, not to mention the lack of experience(Gimme a break I'm an electrical engineer and not supposed to know anything about writing or publishing).

I feel that the goal of the *Bomb* staff has been reached. The many aspects of life at VMI have been well recorded, as well as the people that make up those aspects. Perhaps the most beautiful thing about the *Bomb* is how each section varies. Each section is the result of each editor's personal thoughts on what design would look best, not the specifications of a despot and single-minded editor-in-chief. We've tried to be as thorough as possible and, in particular, I apologize if we have misspelled anyone's name(then again most readers of this book can't spell my name, much less pronounce it). I sincerely hope that the reader will enjoy and appreciate the book for all that it's worth.

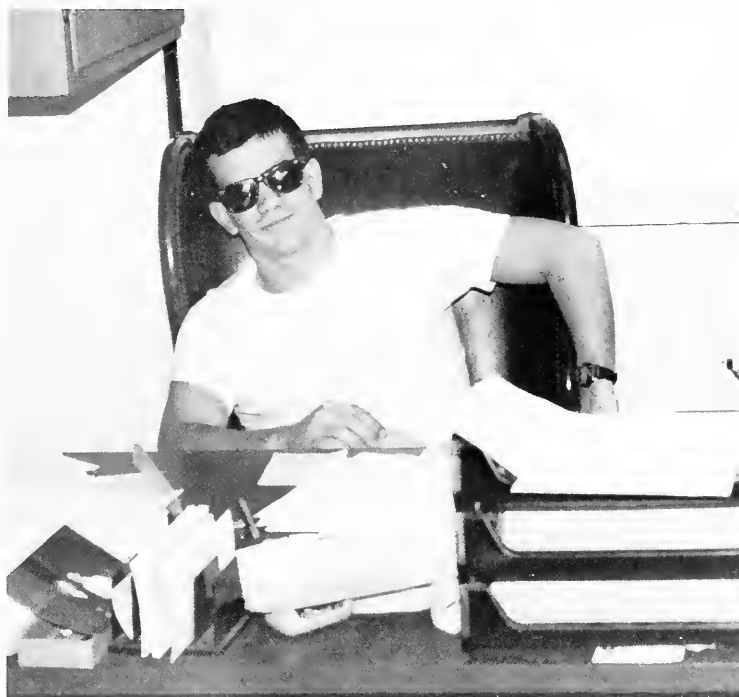
Paul K. Tallat-Kelpsa  
Managing Editor, 1989 *Bomb*  
Class of 1990

## Get Off Of That Computer Because . . . It's My Turn!!!

Boy, it's hard to believe that this annual is finished. At first, I was extremely enthusiastic that I was in charge of a major publication. As time progressed, that enthusiasm diminished to despair. Deadlines were not being met, staff members quitting or getting thrown out, and most of all, an unwillingness to work forced other staff members to double and sometimes triple up on their workloads. What irked me to high heaven was the policy decision regarding ad furloughs of a certain member at Smith Hall who has no other purpose than to make me miserable for all cadets. All this is behind me now and I'm glad that this bomb is finished.

As my glorious title of EIC, I made a vow not to be like my predecessor. I tried not to be lazy and did my best to help everybody that needed help. Last year's staff left me in a big hole. The massive phone bill made me adopt a credit card policy in the Bomb Room. The Bomb Room itself was subject to daily inspections. The TCFC bill was so large that we couldn't charge anything. Through all of this, I was determined to make the largest and best book ever. Well, the biggest book was originally planned for 464 pages but I managed to cut it down to 32 pages. When I realized that deadlines were not being met, I cut it down to 384 pages in order to get this book delivered on time. If there is a lot of organizations cut out, then you have no one else to blame but me. It was my decision to cut those pages in order to meet deadlines.

This worn-out E-I-C does have some good words and some praise to give. The most praise goes to our faculty advisor, Major Terrell Wilson. He gave me a lot of helpful advice and ideas that were put into the Bomb. He also gave me a lot of comfort and reassurance that the Bomb could be done. Without Major Wilson, this yearbook would not have gotten off the ground. Another valuable asset was our yearbook representative Lelia Crabbe. She showed me the ropes of managing a yearbook and gave the staff ideas on designing pages. Cpt. Wilcockson, a



man who listened to me whenever I went into his office and gave me a lot of good advice on how to get organized. My ever faithful Managing Editor, T.K. did more than his fair share of work. He also put up with my constant complaining about the staff. T.K. buddy, this key is for you!! Jon, you're a helluva guy. I couldn't have thought of a more loyal and dependable guy to type in all 260 histories and still be a good friend. Mad-dog, Tom, and Nefarious the same praise goes to you guys.

It's hard for a staff of our size (approx. 30 people) to create a yearbook. Classes, mil. duty, evening CQ, etc. hurt us a lot, but we somehow managed to get this thing done. A lot of my free time as well as other people's free time was spent in this dark and dreary office where I was met with heartbreak a lot of the time. It would be nice if the Institute would allow some sort of a journalism course so

that both the Bomb and the Cadet staffs would not be in such predicaments. It's not all that hard to do. Look at other colleges, their books are about the same size as ours yet they have about 150 people on their staffs. See what I mean?

All in all, I admit that I grew from this experience. I learned a lot from it and I hope I can convey the wisdom that I have accumulated to the next EIC so that he can overcome the problems that I have encountered along the way. If I had the opportunity to do it again, I would take it. It's a great feeling to see your work in between the covers of a book that you've created from scratch. Oh well, I must be dreaming, again. It's getting late, my head hurts, my feet stink, and I do love Jesus. Word y'all



Goodbye  
Good luck '90, '91, and '92











